Byzantine Monthly Menaion

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Foreword

A Menaion is a liturgical book which contains the changeable parts of Byzantine divine services for a given month. The volume in your hands is the tenth of a series of twelve books for use in Byzantine Catholic parishes. Each day is provided with the following material:

(1) Synaxarion (brief life of the saints remembered)
(2) Troparia and Kontakia
(3) Prokeimena and Alleluiaria
(4) Communion Hymn.

On major feasts, the proper antiphons (when there are any) and the Magnification and Irmos (appointed to take the place of It is truly proper) are also included.

Texts which are contained in the Faithful's Book published by the Byzantine Catholic Church are reproduced with their musical settings from that book. Those texts were translated by the Inter-Eparchial Liturgical Commission, and then set to plainchant by the Inter-Eparchial Music Commission.

Many of the Troparia contained in this volume of the Menaion are, in fact, common texts (i.e., they are used on more than one feast). These texts, too, come from the work of the IELC/IEMC, as are all the Prokeimena and Alleluiaria and Communion Hymns.

The texts of the Troparia and Kontakia that are not from the above-mentioned source are almost always taken from the Order of Matins published by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and we acknowledge these texts with gratitude.

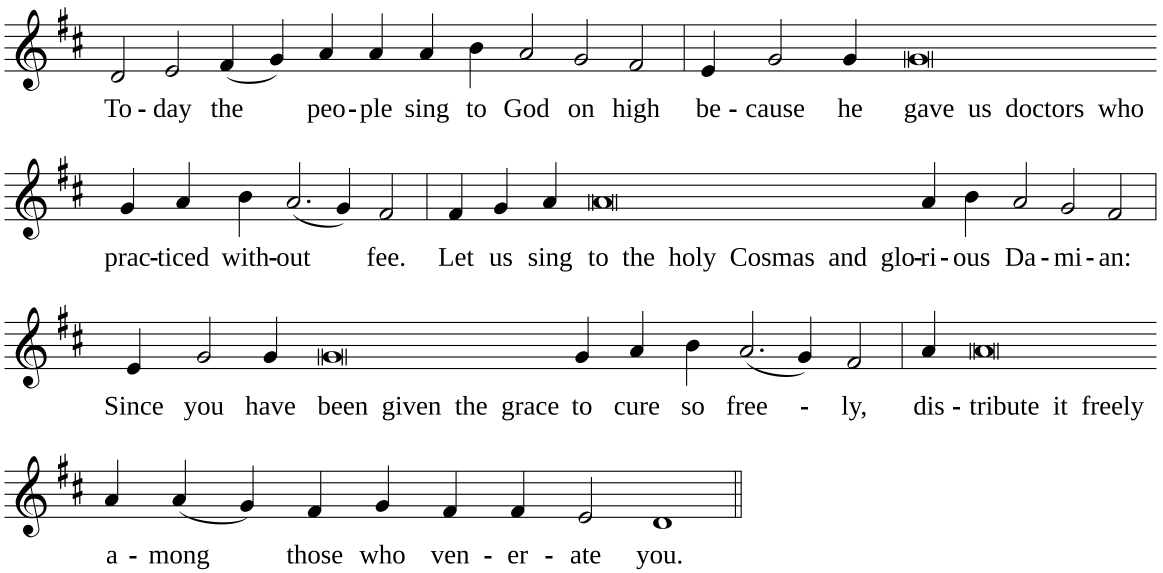
This volume is intended to be used annually. Because of this, cantors must use the Typikon of the Metropolitan Church to discern how materials from the Menaion are to be combined with the Sunday Ochtoechos. The Typikon will also explain how Prokeimena and Alleluiaria are to be combined.

May this series of volumes be a blessing for all who attend daily celebrations of the Divine Liturgy, as well as for those who, unable to be at church each day, still wish to pray with the Church and honor the Lord and his saints.

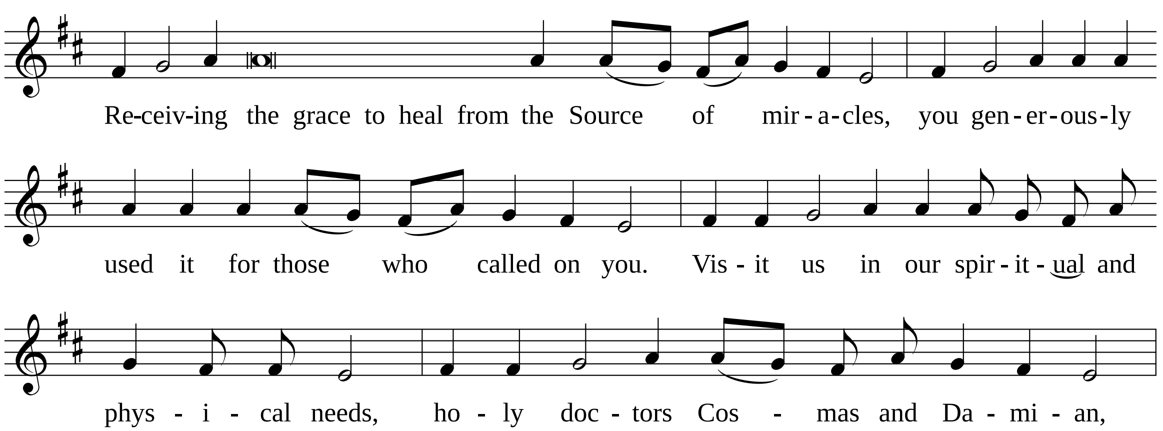
August 28, 2005
Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian and
Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo

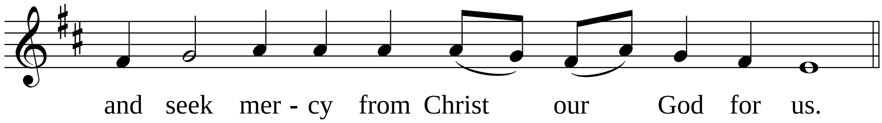
1 The holy unmercenary healers and wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian, who, it is said, practiced medicine asking for no money in Cyrrhus in Euphratesia and many were healed by their free cures. (284)

Troparion - *Tone 4*

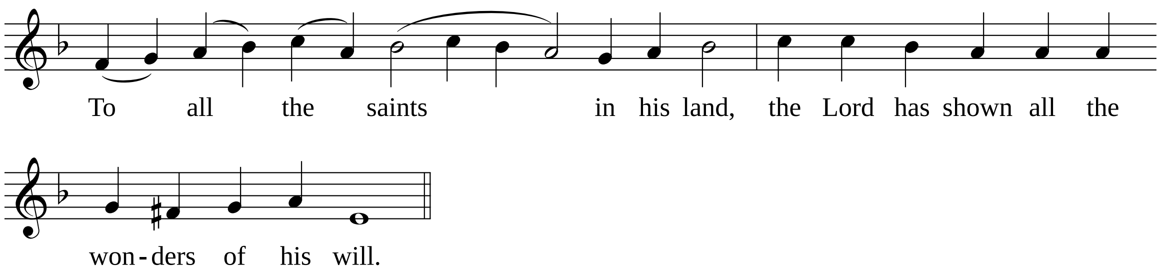


Kontakion - *Tone 2*



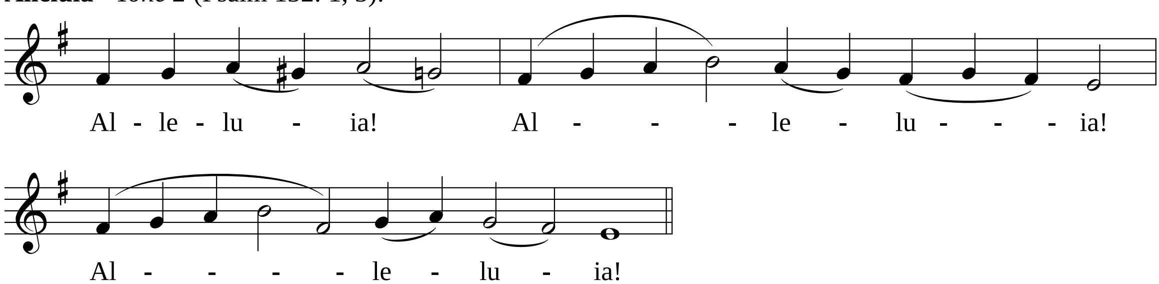


Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3,8):



Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

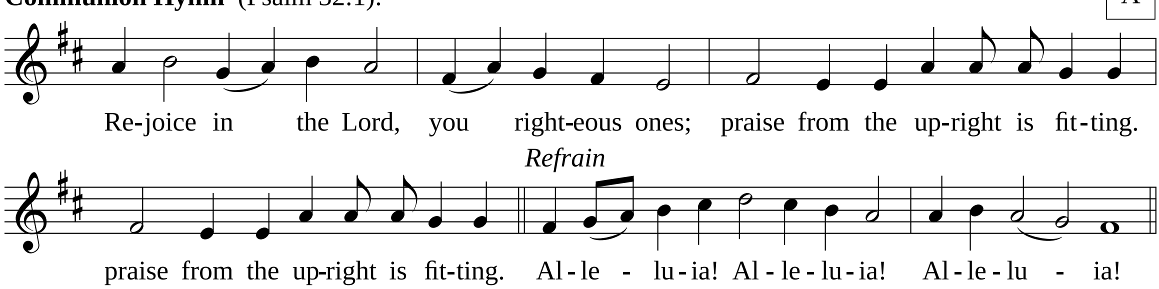
Alleluia - *Tone 2* (Psalm 132: 1, 3):



Verse: Behold, how good and how pleasant when brothers dwell in unity.
Verse: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forever.

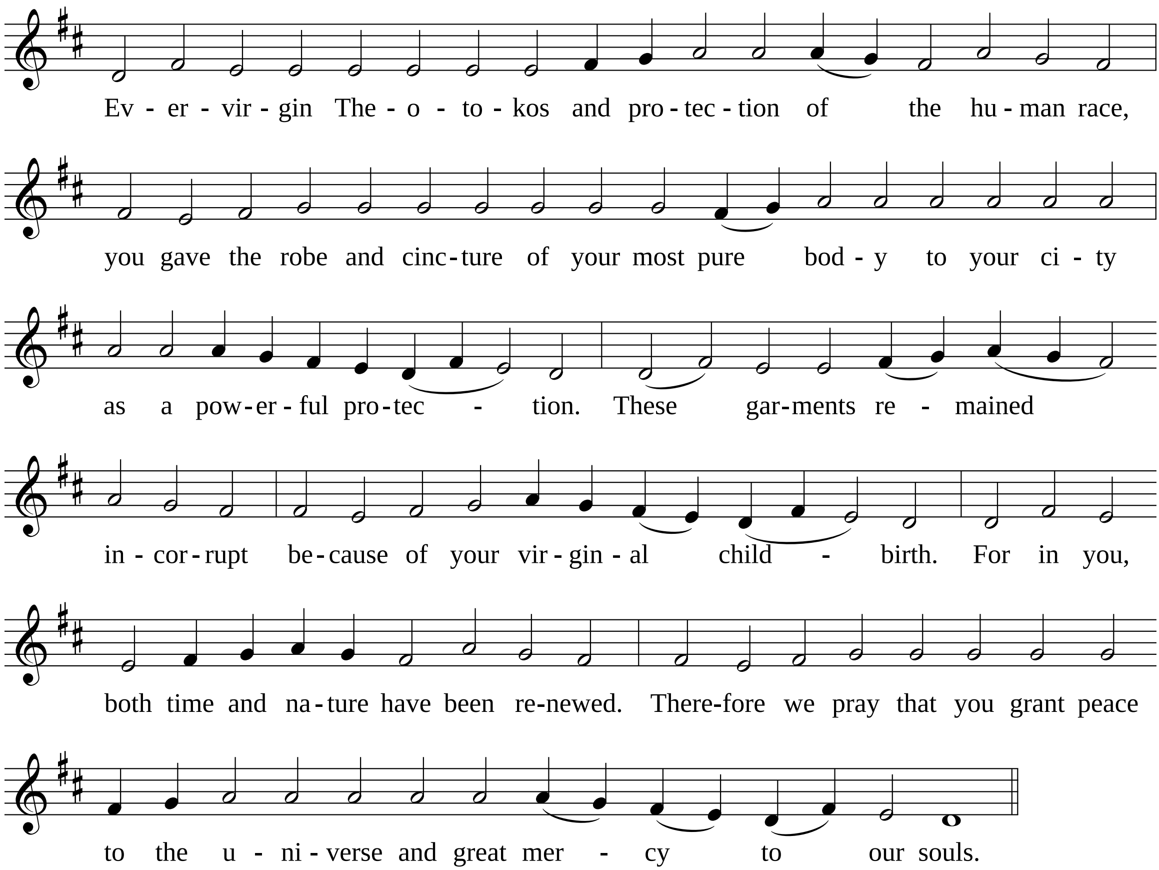
Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

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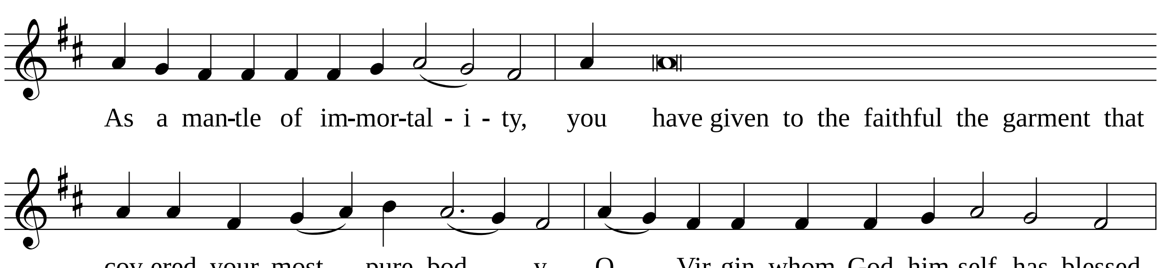


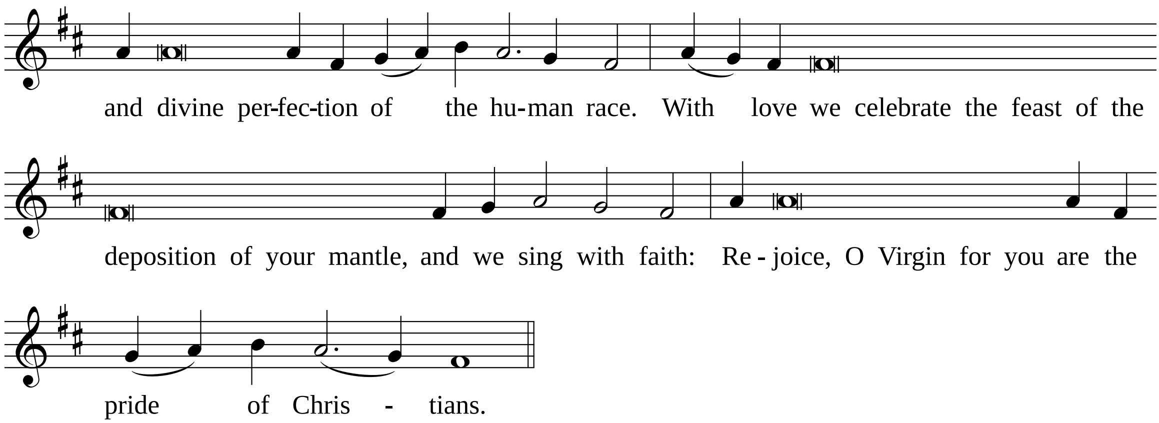
2 The deposition of the venerable robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God at Blachernae in the reign of the Emperor Leo and his consort Irene (457-474).

Troparion - *Tone 8*

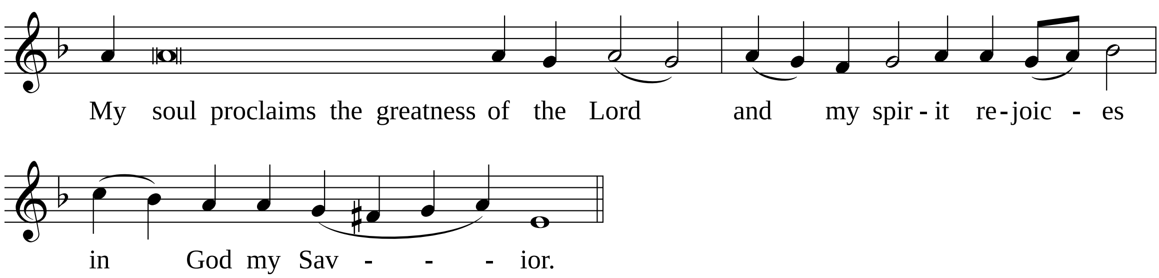


Kontakion - *Tone 4*



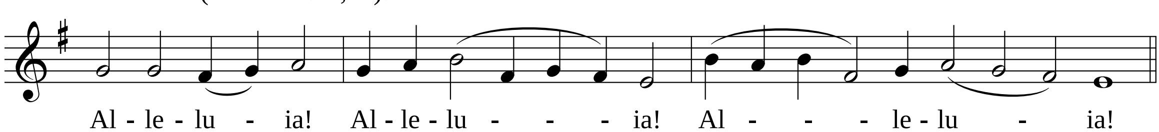


Prokeimenon - *Tone 3* (Luke 1:46-48):



Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - *Tone 8* (Psalm 44:11,13):



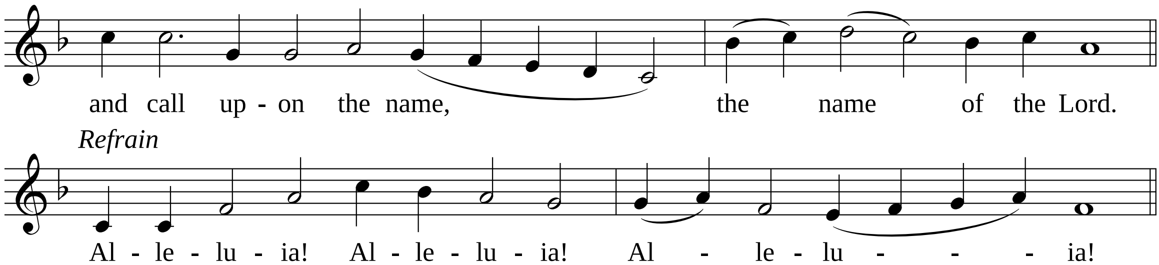
Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

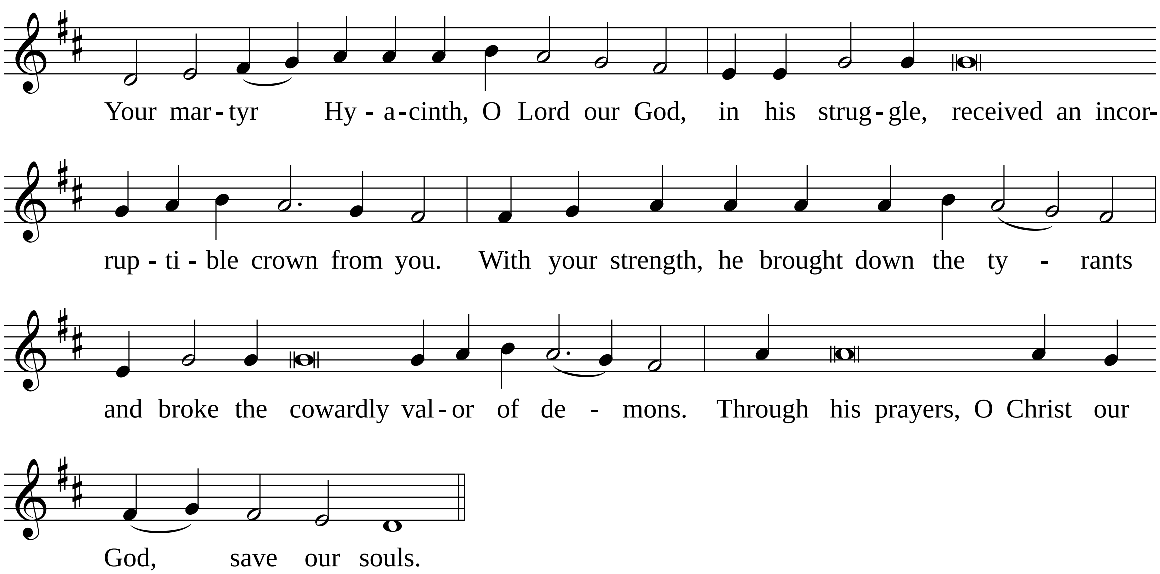
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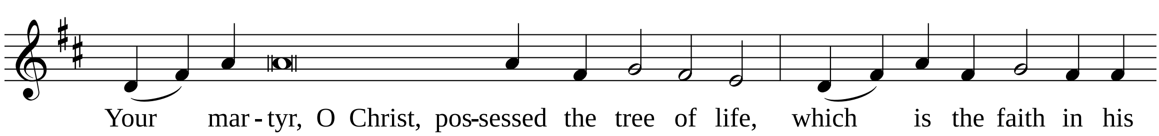


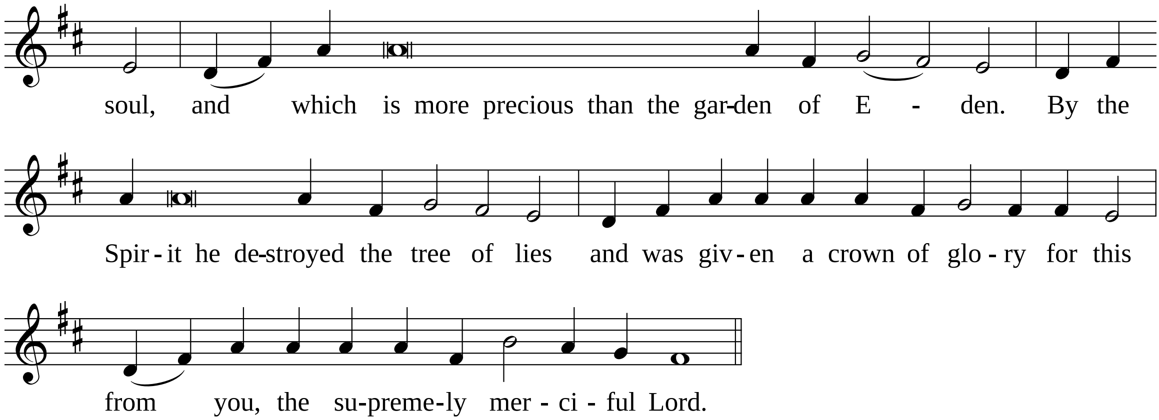
3 The holy martyr Hyacinth at Amastris in Paphlagonia. He was a member of the court of the emperor Trajan and a secret Christian. When he refused to offer sacrifice to idols, the emperor told him to deny Christ. He replied, “I am a Christian. I revere Christ and worship him, and I bring my living self to him as a sacrifice.” (108)

Troparion - Tone 4

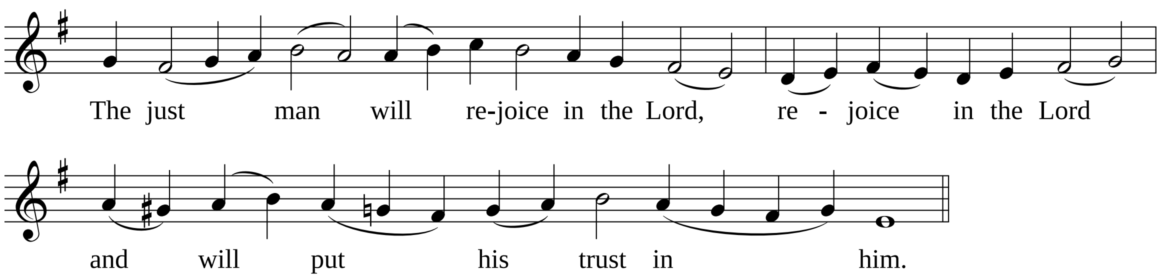


Kontakion - *Tone 6*



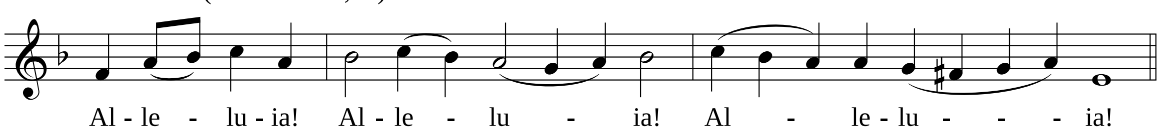


Prokeimenon - *Tone 7* (Psalm 63:11,2)



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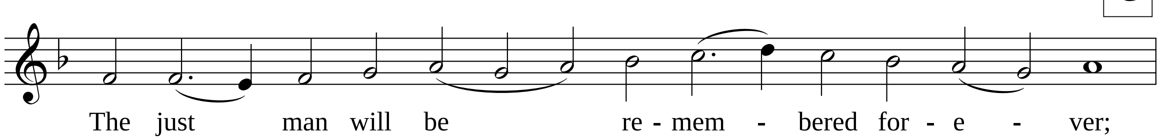
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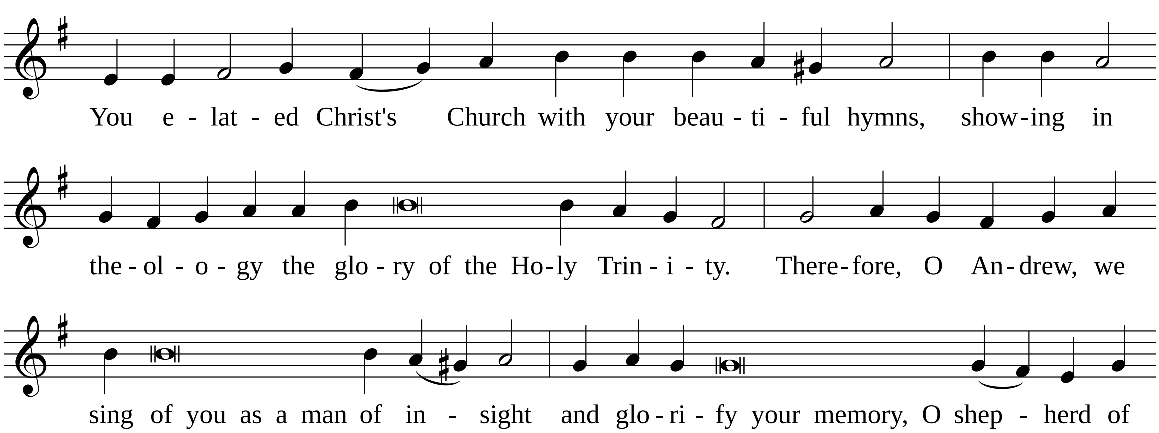


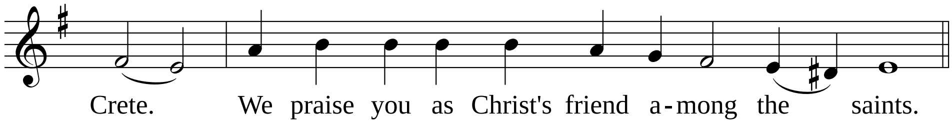
4 Our holy father Andrew of Jerusalem, archbishop of Crete, whose passing over is remembered this day at Erissus on the island of Lesbos. He was bishop of Gortyna, and sang--with singular art--praises to God by his prayers, hymns, and songs. He exalted the Virgin Mother of God, immaculate and assumed into heaven. (740)

Our venerable mother Martha, mother of St. Simeon the Venerable, on the Admirable Mountain in Syria. She was notable for following the ancient practice of rising at midnight for prayer, and gave help to the needy with great compassion by visiting the sick and the poor. (551)

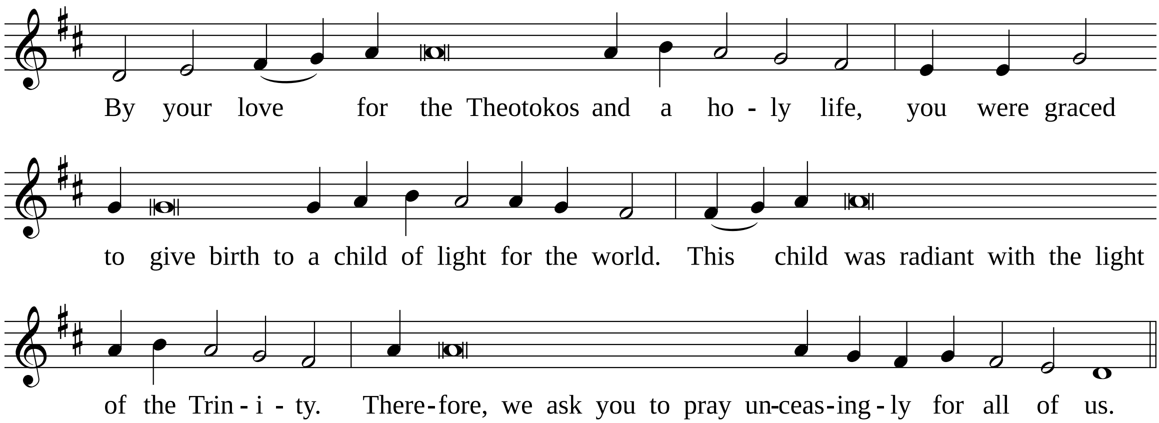
Our venerable father Procopius of Sazava. Born into a Christian family in Bohemia, he prepared for the priesthood in the Byzantine Church and was ordained in 1003. He entered a monastery in Hungary and became a solitary. After 1029, he returned to Bohemia to establish the monastic way of life among his own people, and settled in the Sazava Valley. (1053)

Troparion of our holy father Andrew - *Tone 1*

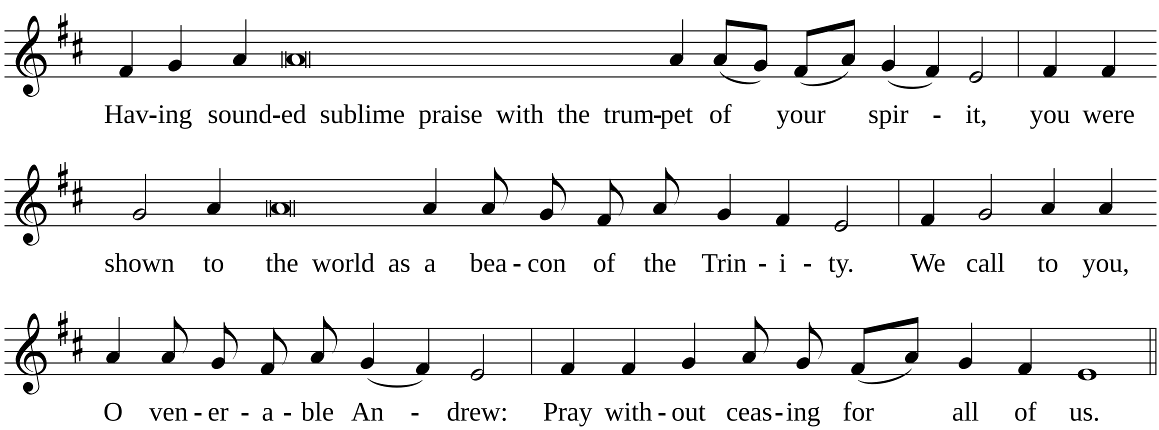




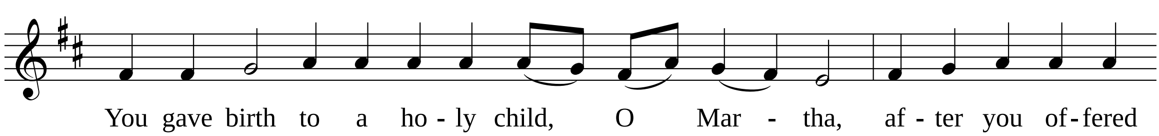
Troparion of our venerable mother Martha - *Tone 4*

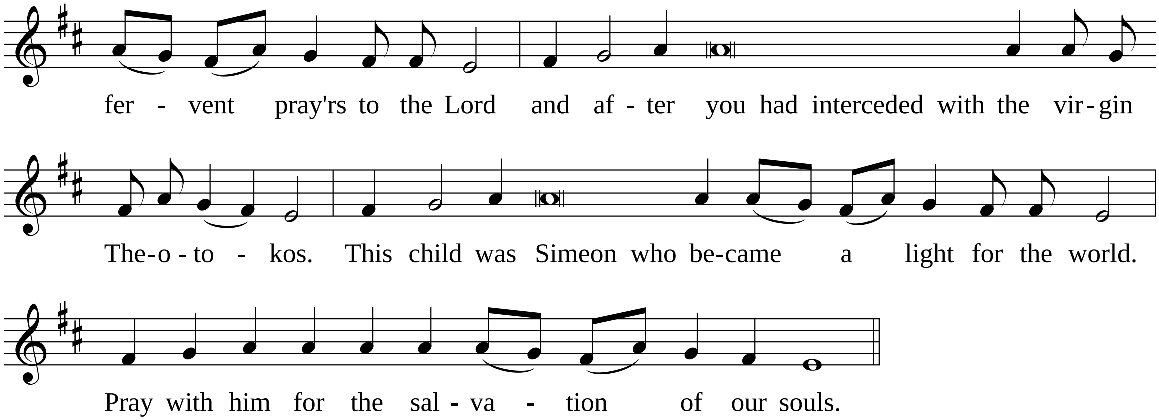


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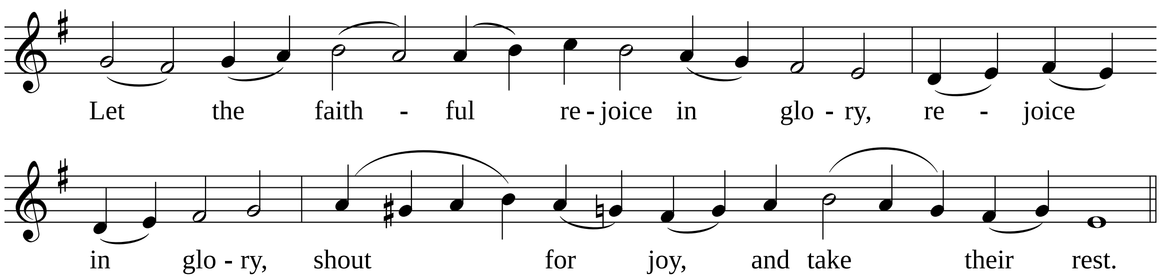


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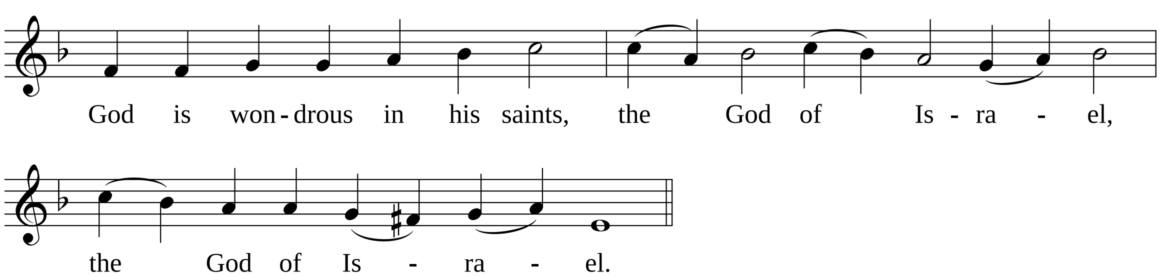


Prokeimenon for a Priest-Martyr - *Tone 7* (Psalm 149:5,1):



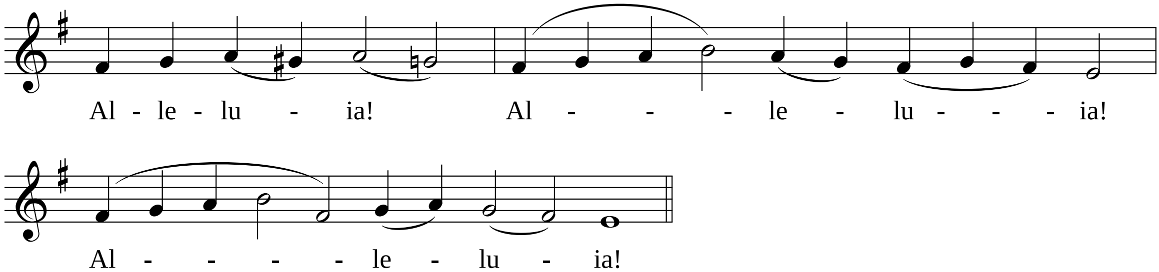
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Prokeimenon for a Venerable Woman - *Tone 4* (Psalm 67:36,27):



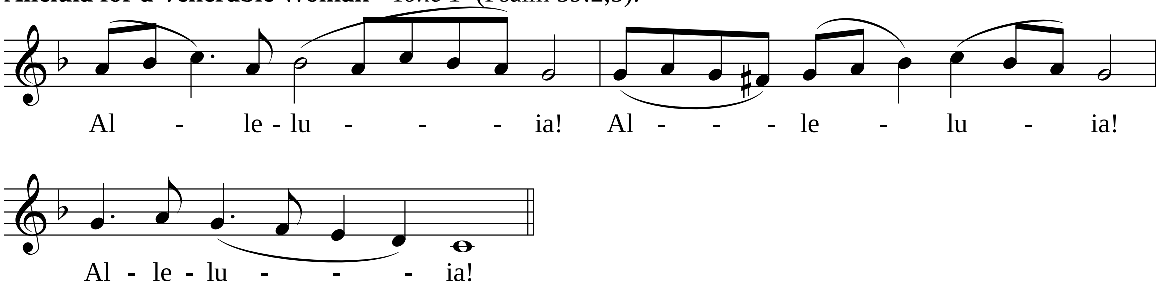
Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.

Alleluia for a Priest-Martyr - *Tone 2* (Psalm 131:9,13):



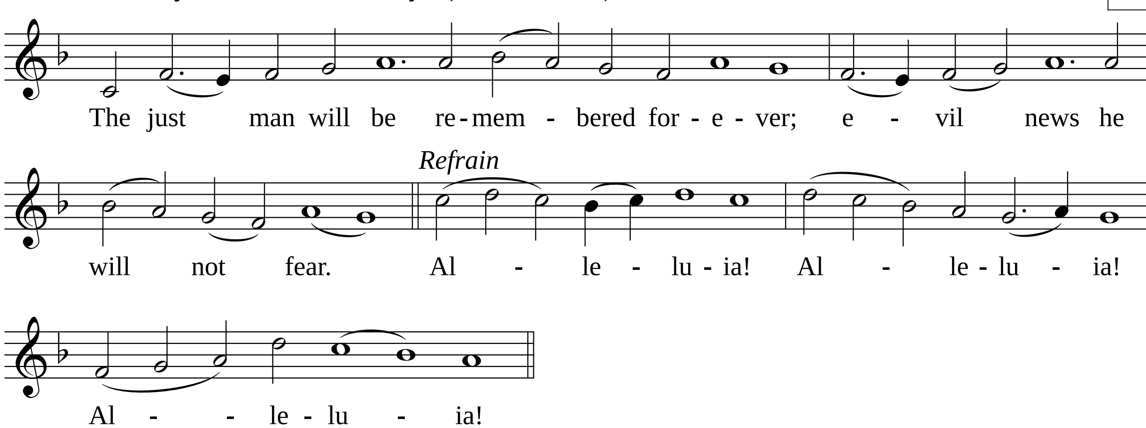
Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.
Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Alleluia for a Venerable Woman - *Tone 1* (Psalm 39:2,3):

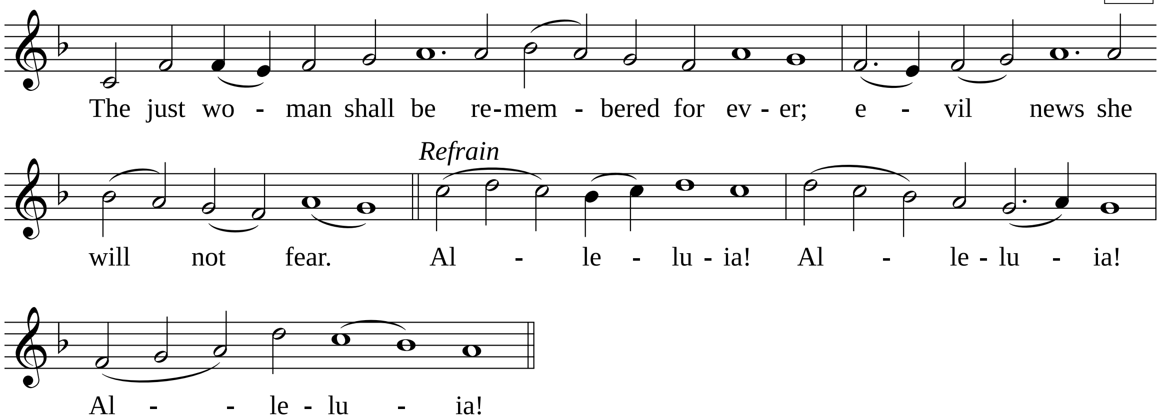


Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Communion Hymn for a Priest-Martyr (Psalm 111:6,7): D

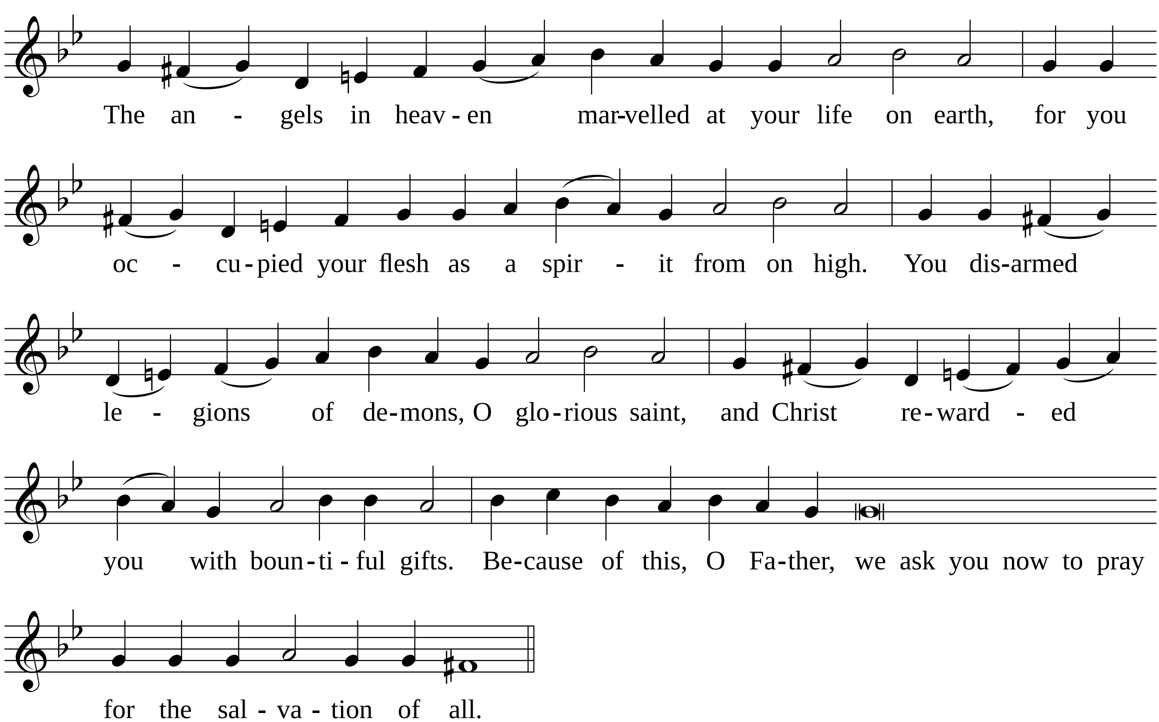


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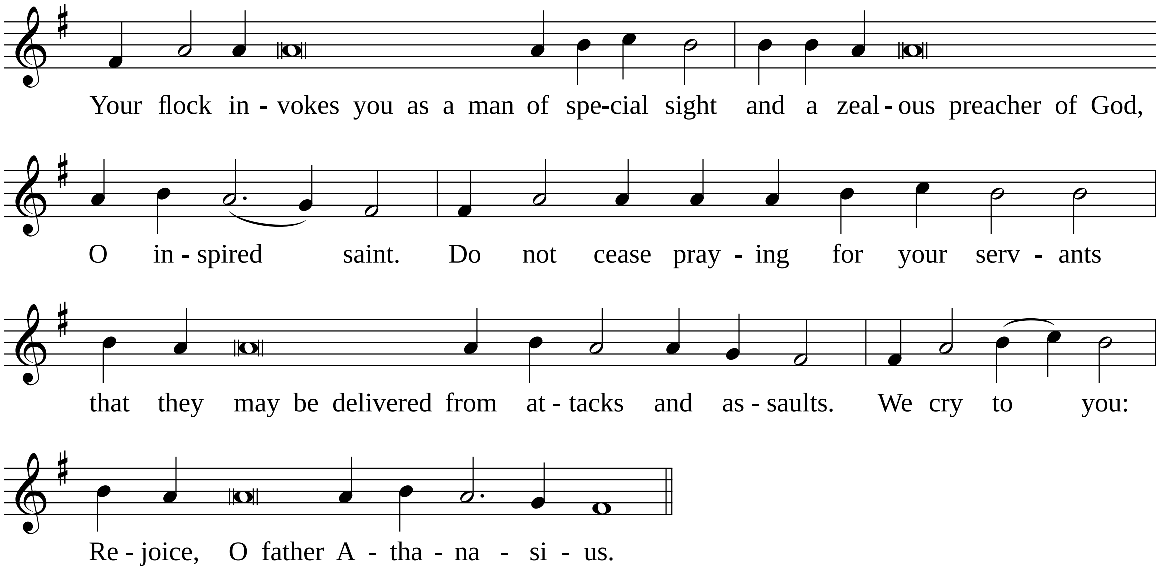


5 Our venerable father Athanasius of Mt. Athos, hegumen, humble and peaceful, who founded a coenobitic way of living in the Great Laura. Despite many trials, he was father to many monks who followed his ascetic model. (1003)

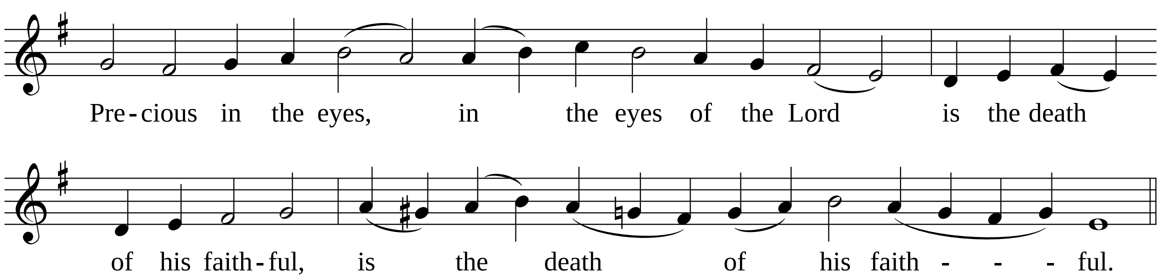
Troparion - *Tone 3*



Kontakion - *Tone 8*

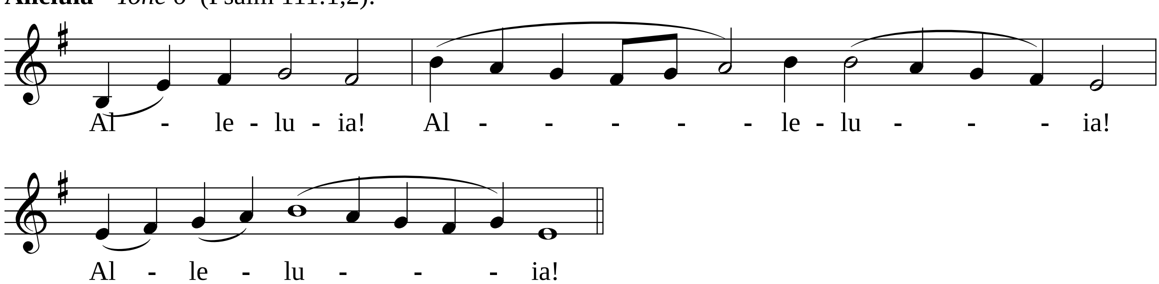


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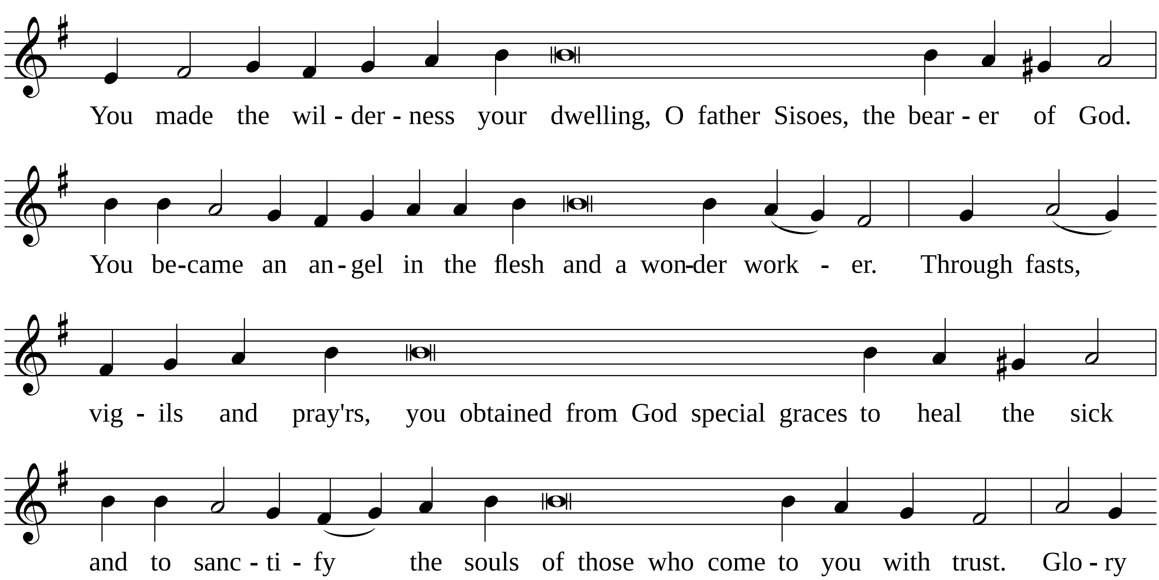
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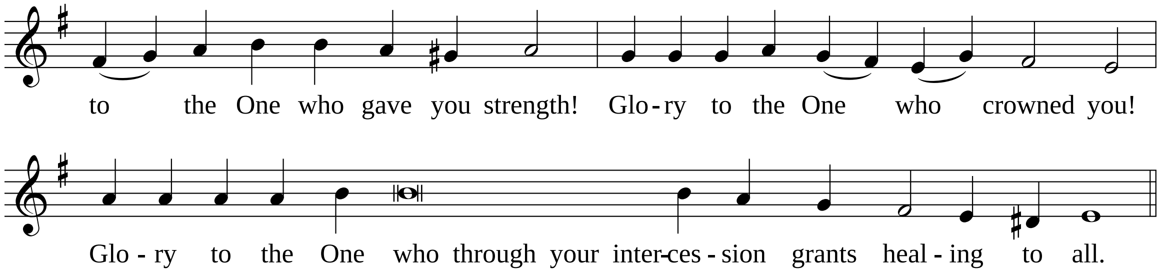
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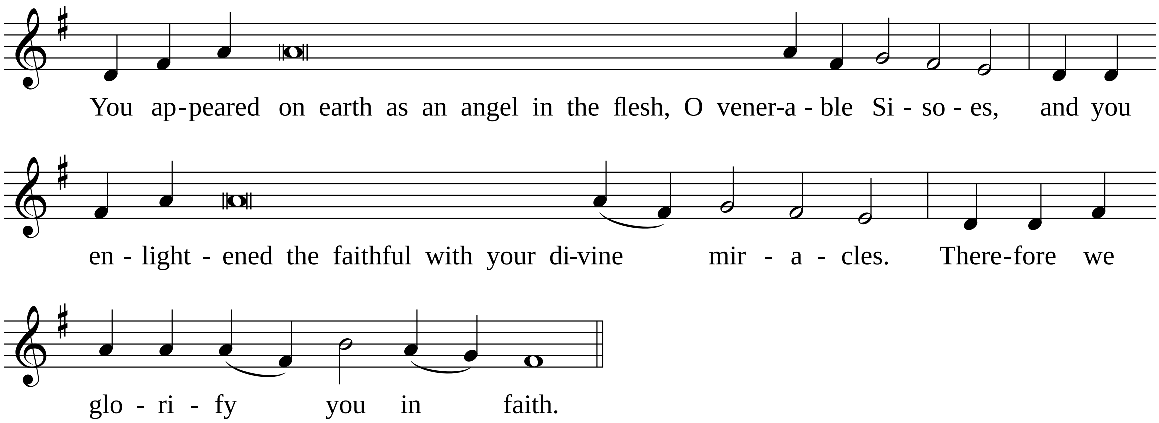
6 Our venerable father Sisoes the Great, hermit in Egypt, who was very remarkable in the exercise of the monastic life. Many of his "words" are recorded in the Apothegmata Patrum. A brother once told him that he could not hold the wise sayings in his head and quote them to others. Sisoes replied, "It is not necessary. That which is necessary is to acquire purity of mind and to speak from this purity, placing one's hope in God." (c. 429)

Troparion - *Tone 1*

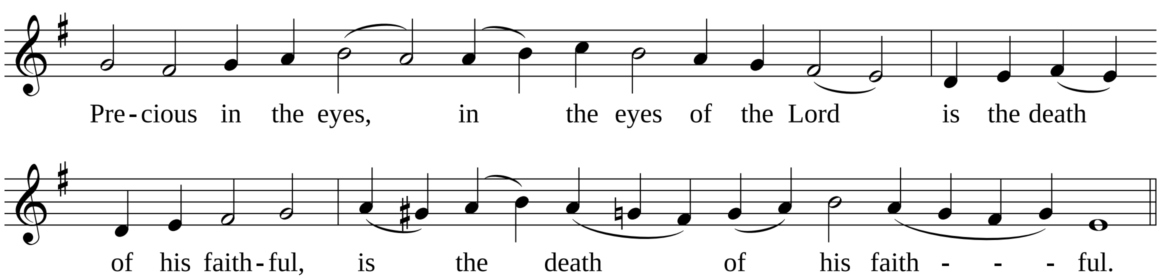




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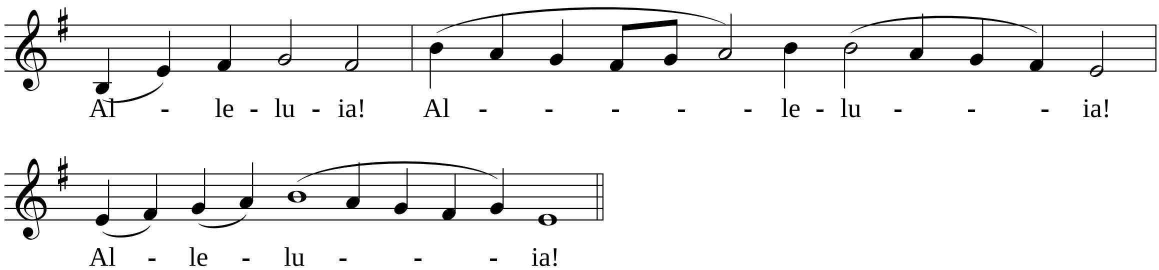


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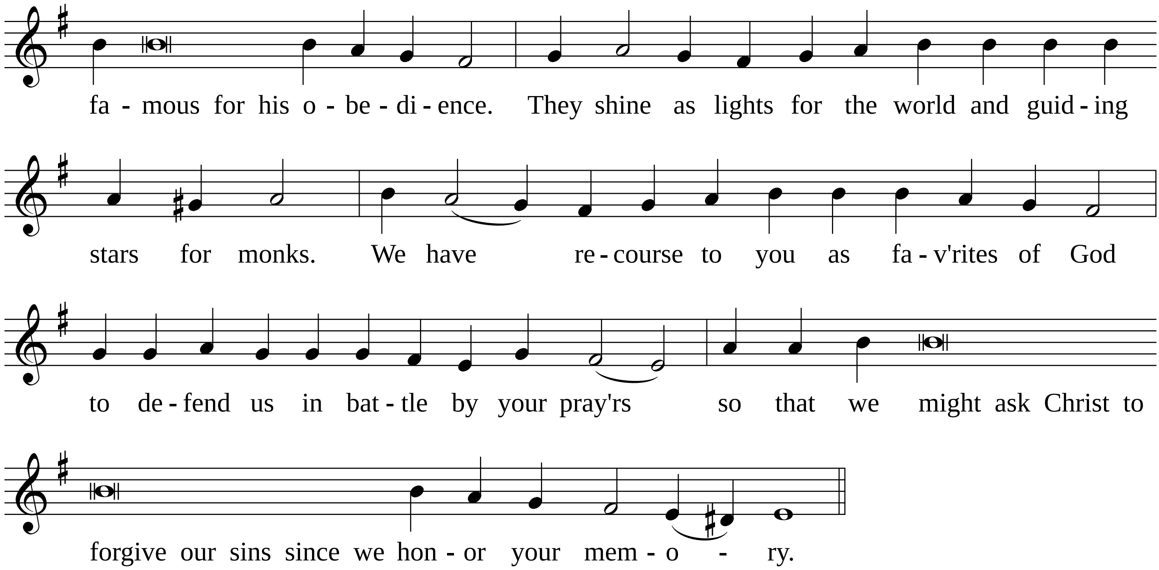
Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7): F



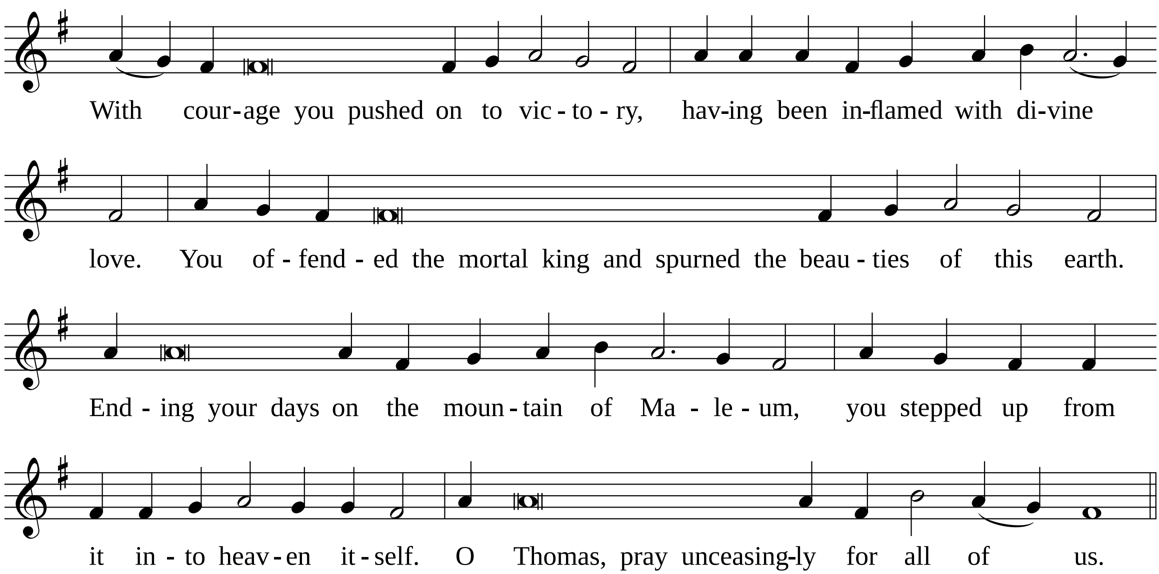
7 Our venerable fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, mentioned in "The Ladder" Thomas was a general famed for courage and wealth. He was a huge man, a source of fear to his enemies. He came to know Christ, and left all behind to go into the desert. When people heard of this, they came to him, and Thomas cured their diseases. (10th century)

Troparion - *Tone 1*

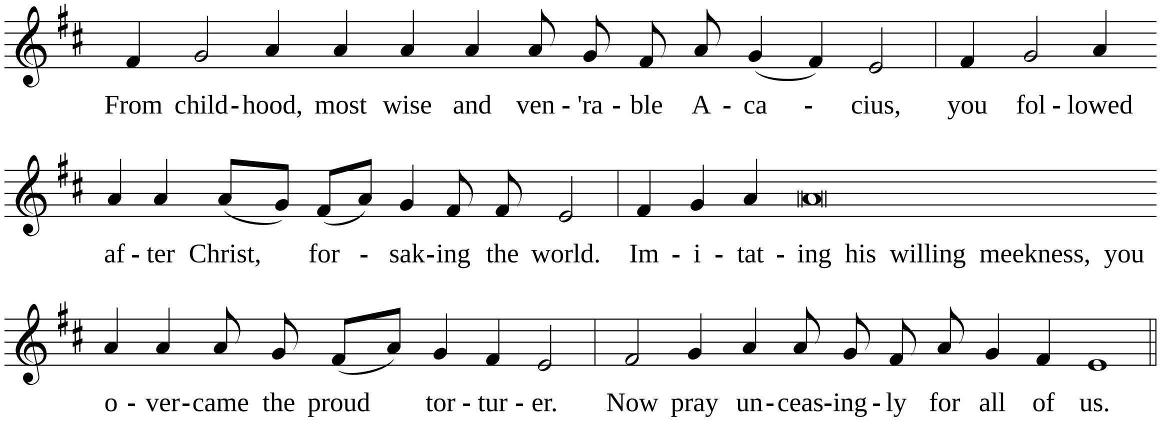




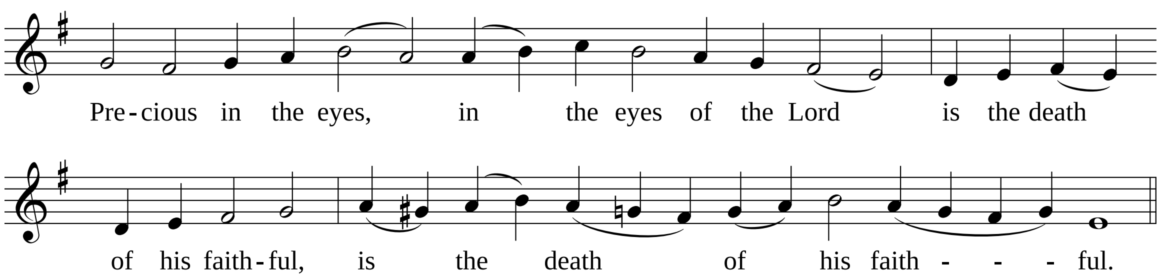
Kontakion of Thomas - *Tone 4*



Kontakion of Acacius - *Tone 2*

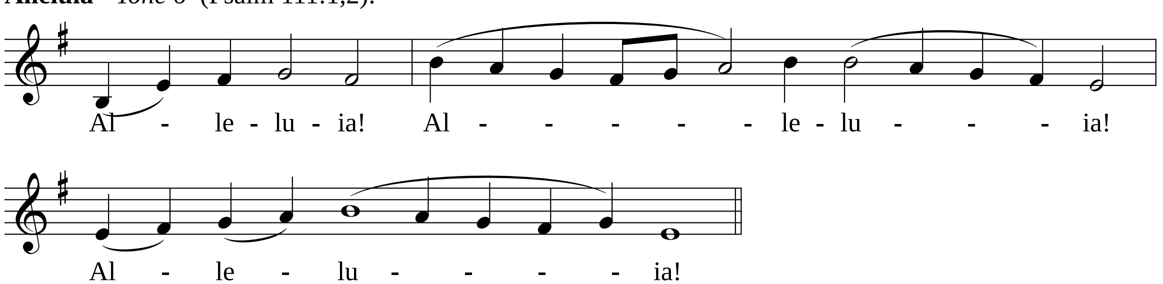


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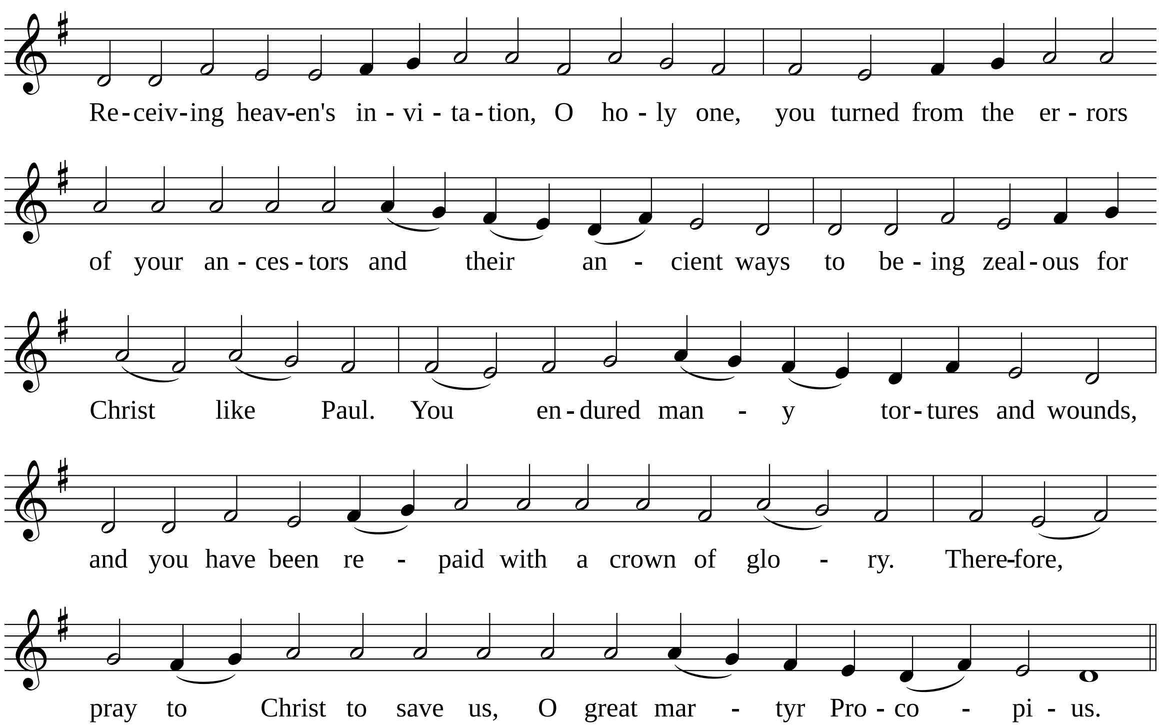
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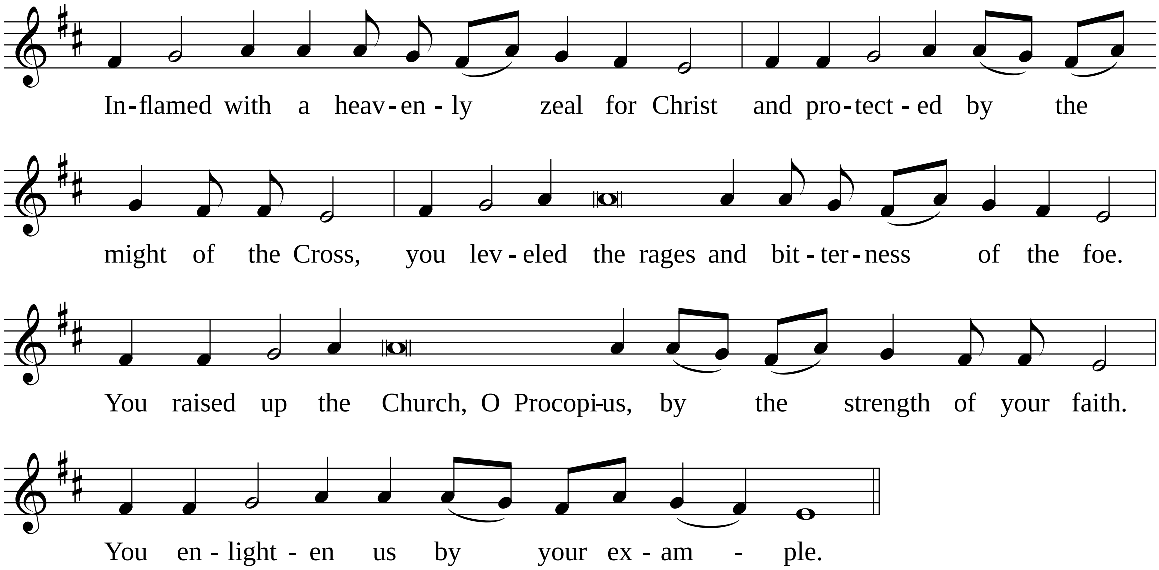


8 The holy great martyr Procopius at Caesarea in Palestine. Under the emperor Diocletian, he was taken from the city of Scythopolis to Caesarea and there in return for the excellent confidence of his answers he was beheaded by the judge Fabianus. (303)

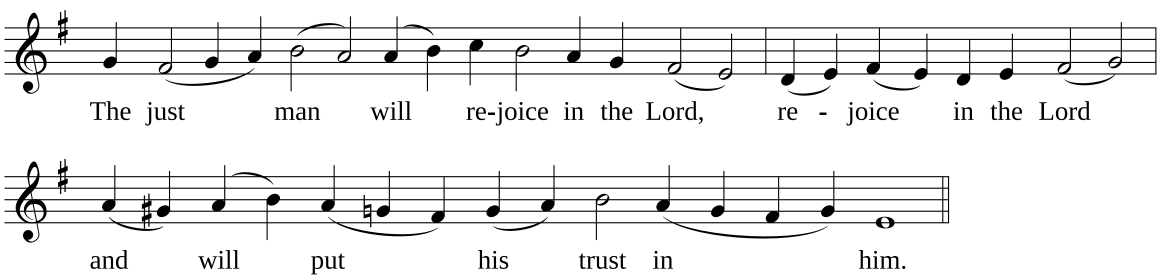
Troparion - *Tone 8*



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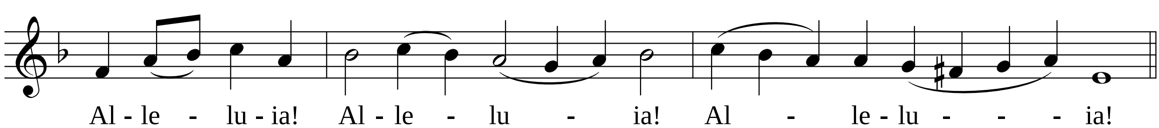


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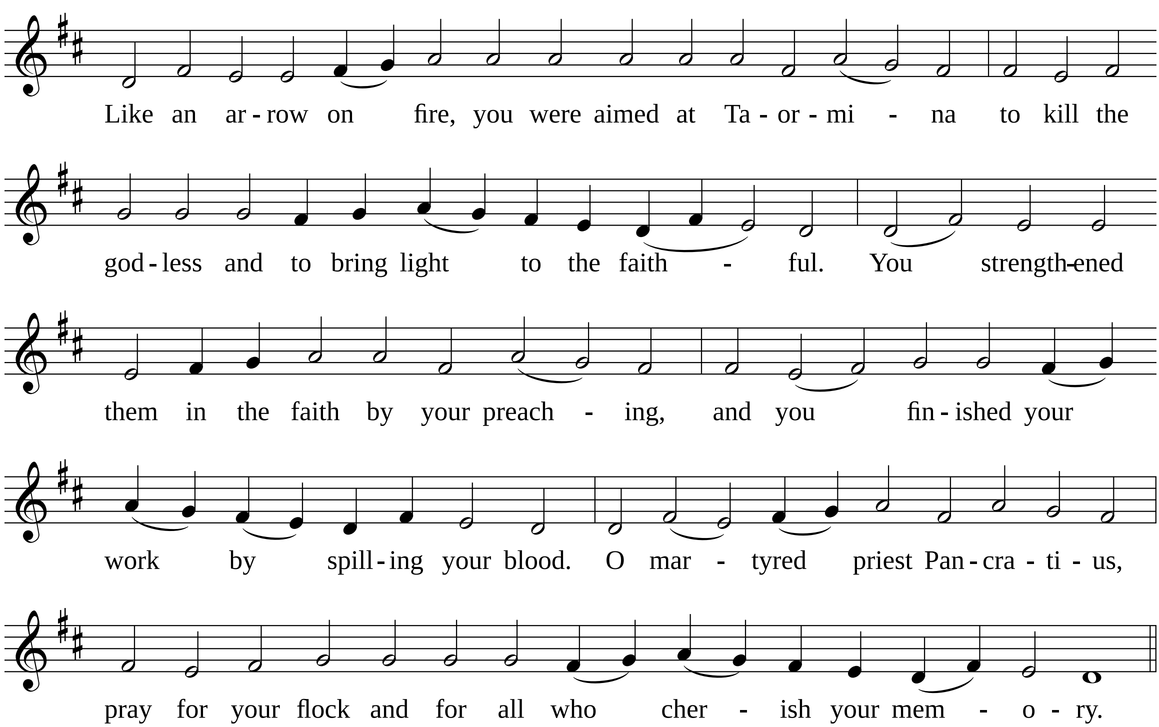
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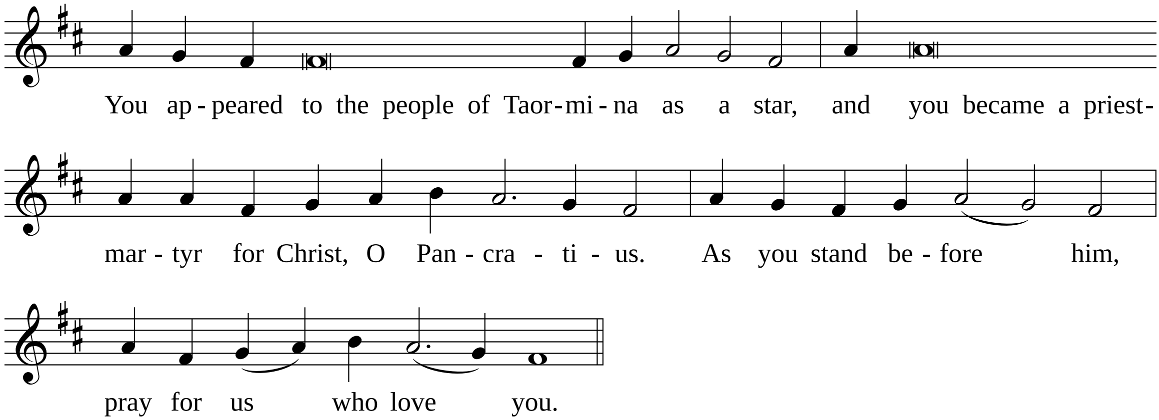


9 The holy martyr Pancratius, bishop of Taormina in Sicily, who, it is believed, was a follower of St. Peter the Apostle and the first to lead this Church. His holy relics are preserved in Rome. (1st century)

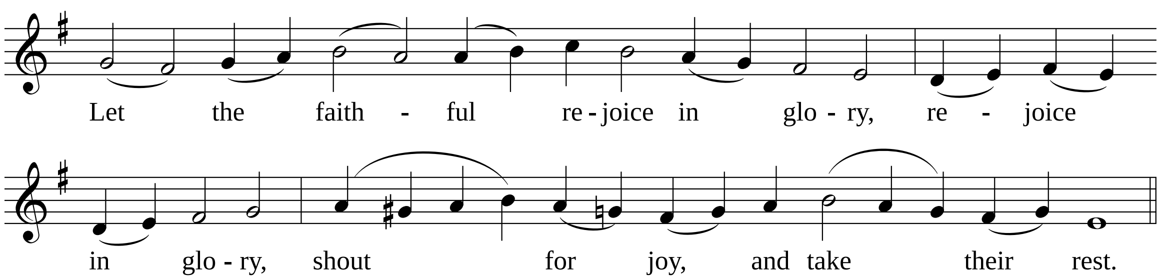
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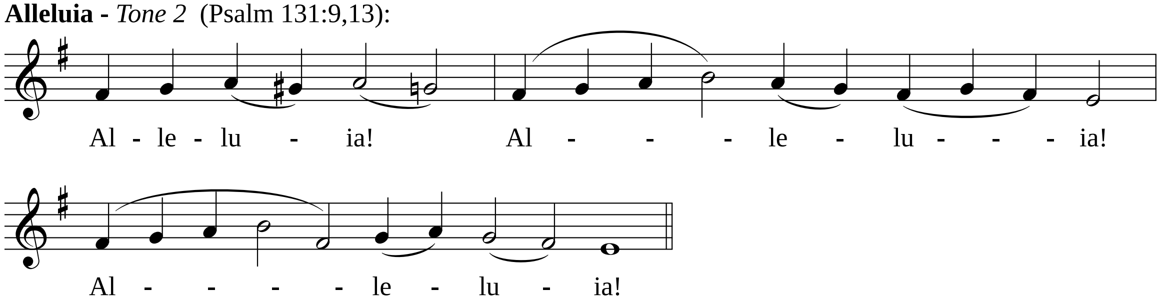


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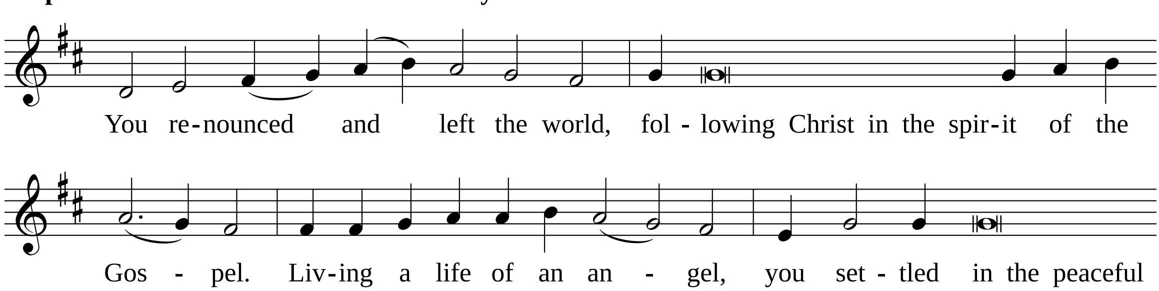
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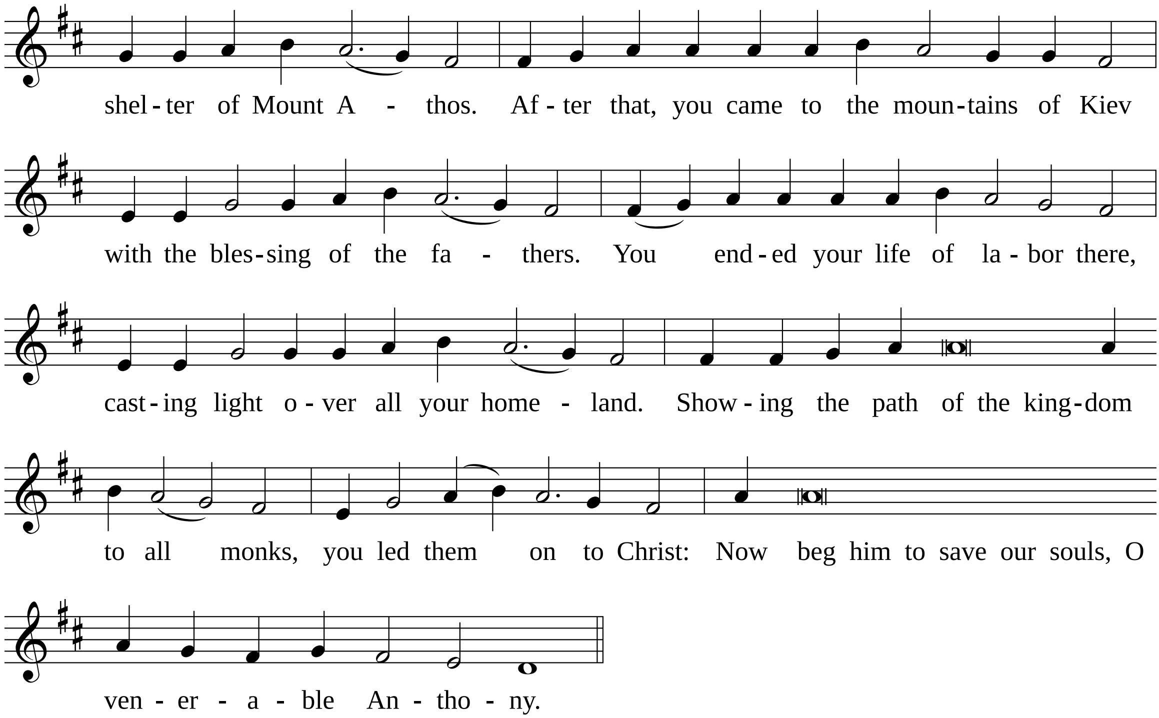


10 The holy forty-five martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia, Of saints Leontius, Mauritius, Daniel, Antonius, Anicetus, Sisinnus, and others, who under the emperor Licinius and the governor Lysias were tortured in many ways.(319)

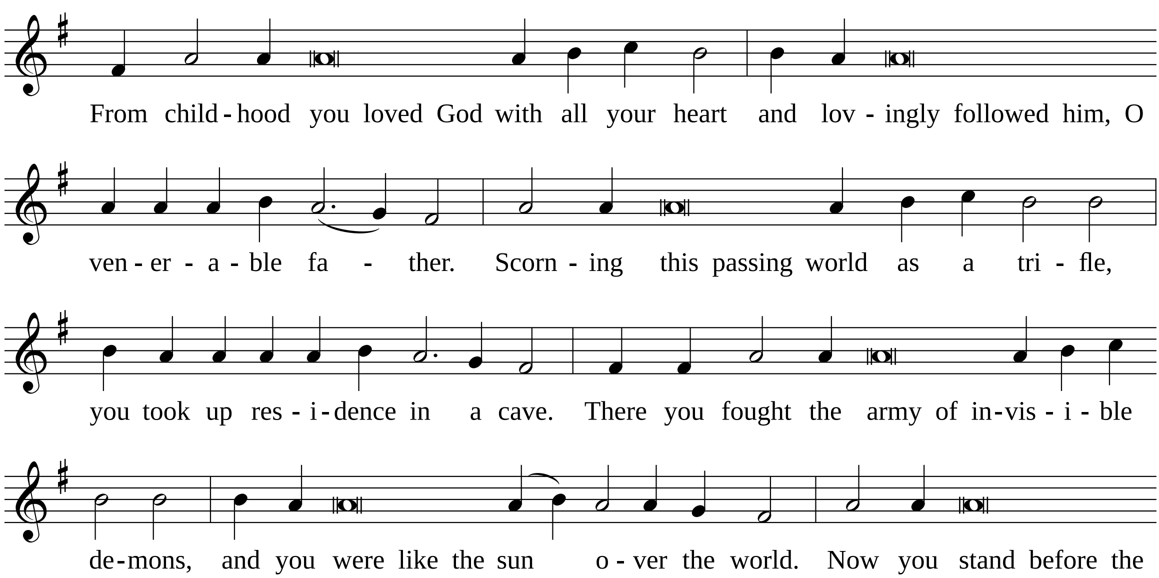
Our venerable father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves. He was a hermit, who in the laura called "the Caves" followed the monastic life which he had learned on Mt. Athos. He was the founder of Russian monasticism.(1073) **The holy Maronite Franciscan brothers: Francis, Abd-el-Mooti and Raphael Massabki, and eight others with them, killed in Damascus in 1860**. Passion of the blessed martyr Emmanuel Ruiz, priest, and his companions [Carmelo Volta, Peter Soler, Nicholas Alberga, Engelbert Kolland, Ascanius Nicanor, all priests; Francis Pinazo and John-Jacob Fernandez, friars] at Damascus in Syria, seven from the Order of Friars Minor and three faithful brothers of the Maronite Church [Francis, Abd-el-Mooti and Raphael Massabki]. When they were deceitfully handed over to the enemy by a traitor and afflicted with various humiliations on account of their faith, they ended their lives with the glorious death of martyrs. (1860)

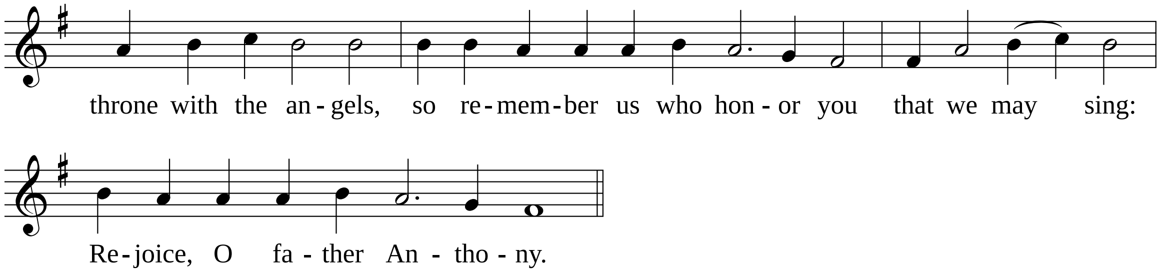
Troparion of our venerable father Anthony - *Tone 4*



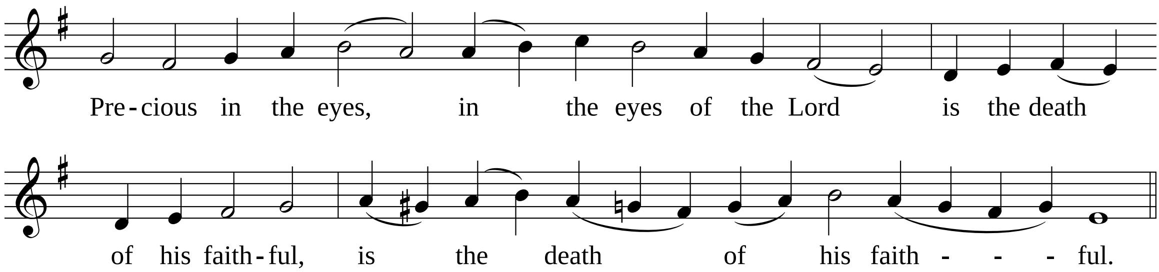


Kontakion - *Tone 8*



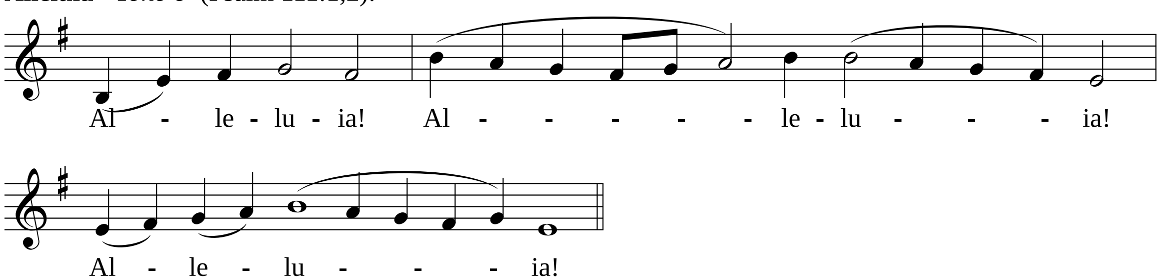


Prokeimenon - *Tone 7* (Psalm 115:6,3):



Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

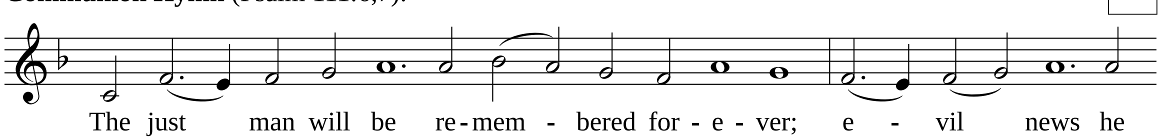
Alleluia - *Tone 6* (Psalm 111:1,2):



Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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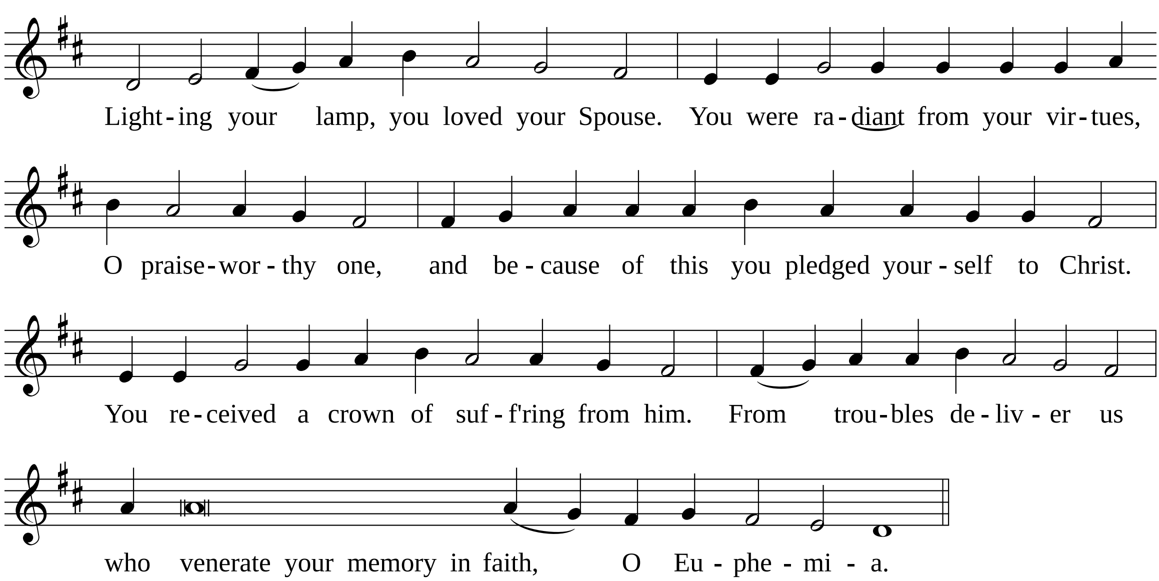


11 The holy martyr Euphemia the Illustrious at Chalcedon in Bithynia. It is related that she was handed over to the beasts after various tortures under Diocletian the emperor and Priscus the proconsul. Her passing is kept on Sept. 16; today is the day that her holy relics confirmed the orthodox faith at the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedonl (451)

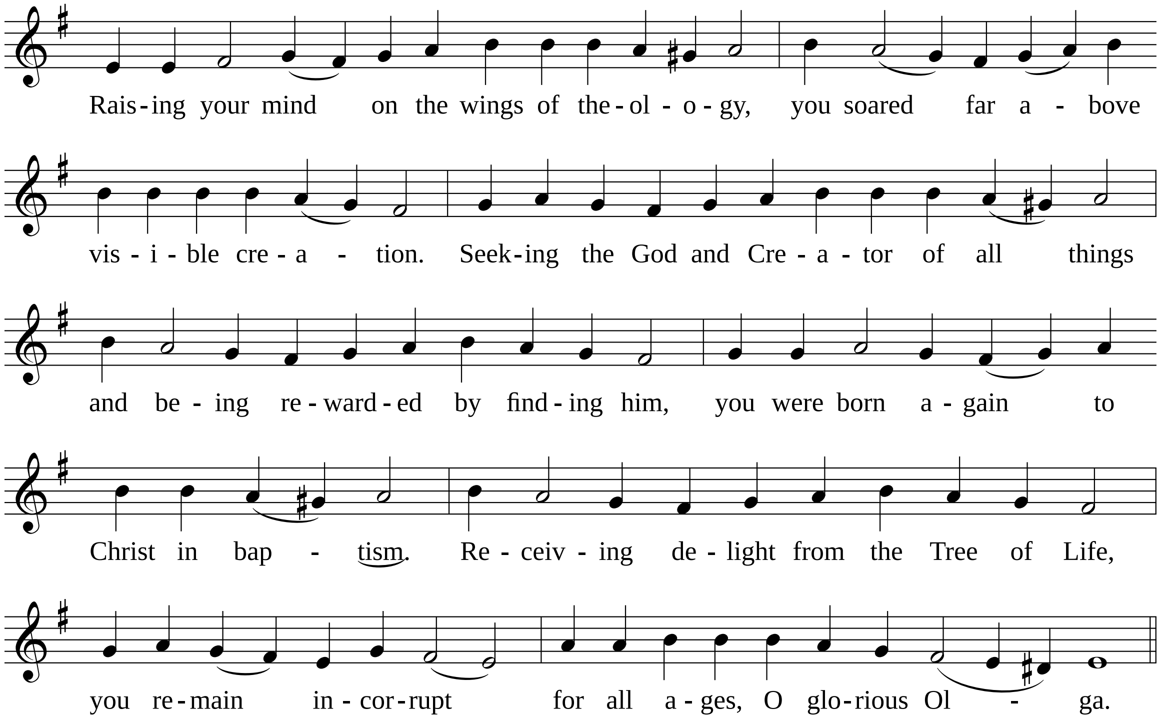
The passing of Olga, princess of Kiev, baptized Helen, at Kiev in Rus'. She was the grandmother of St. Vladimir, the first of the Rurikids to receive baptism. She prepared the way to Christ for all the peoples of Rus'. (969)

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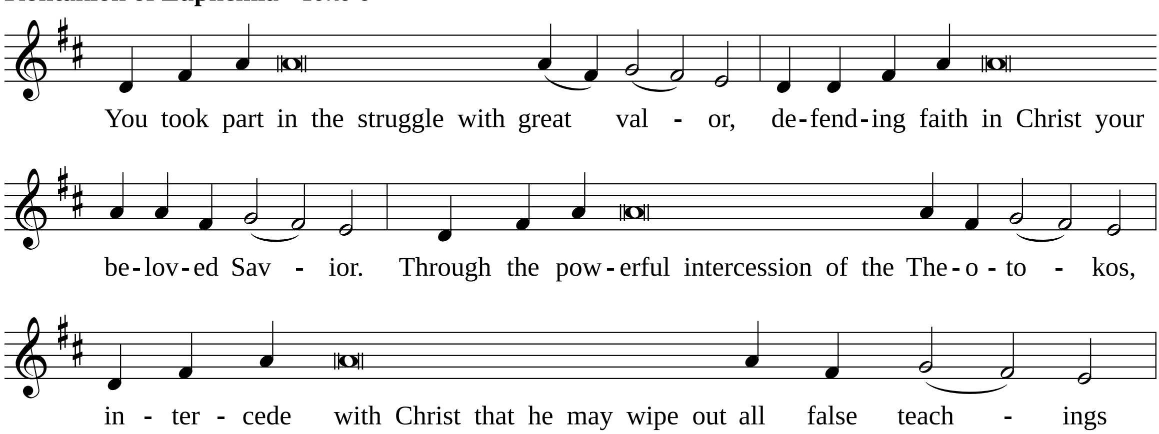
Troparion of the holy martyr Euphemia - *Tone 4*

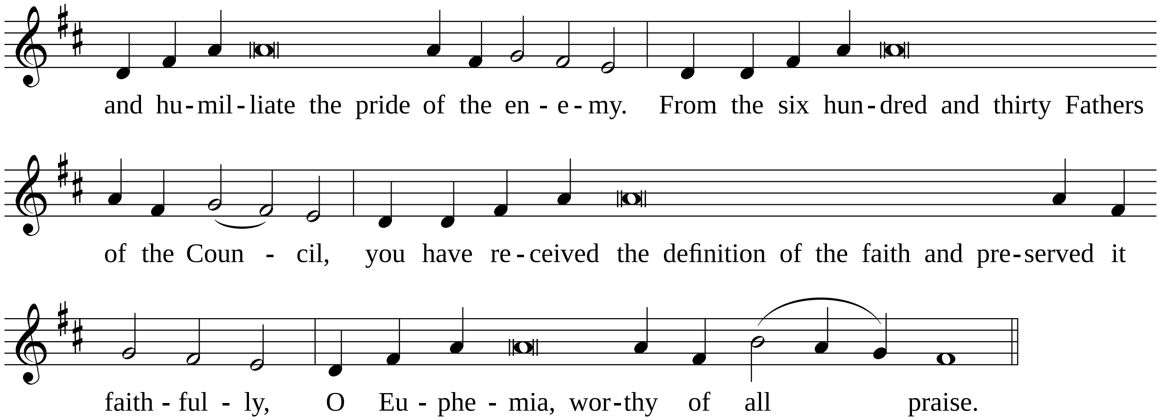


Troparion of the venerable woman Olga - *Tone 1*

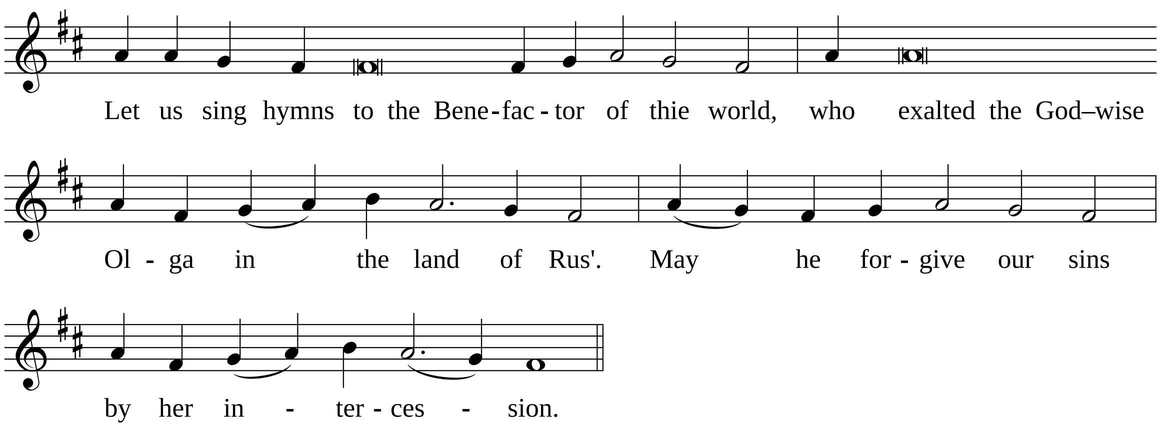


Kontakion of Euphemia - *Tone 6*

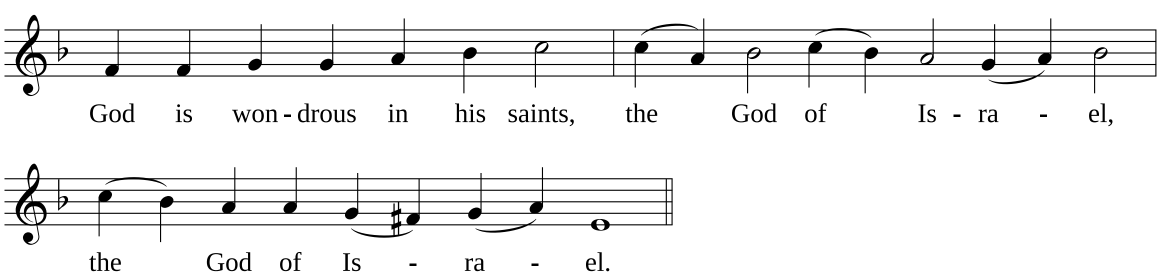




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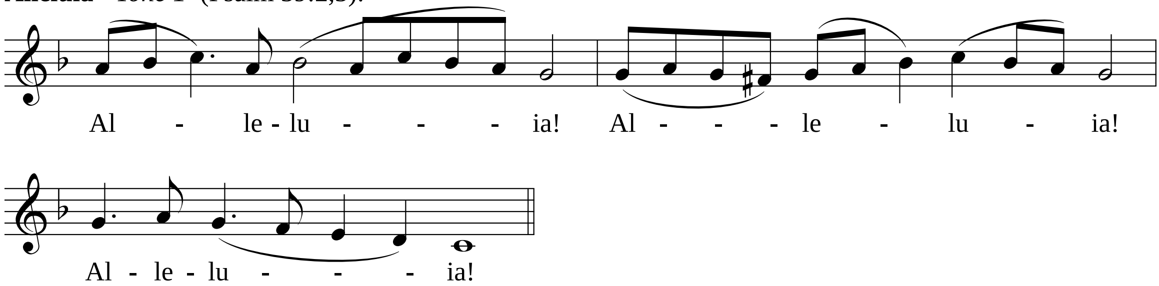


Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 67:36,27):



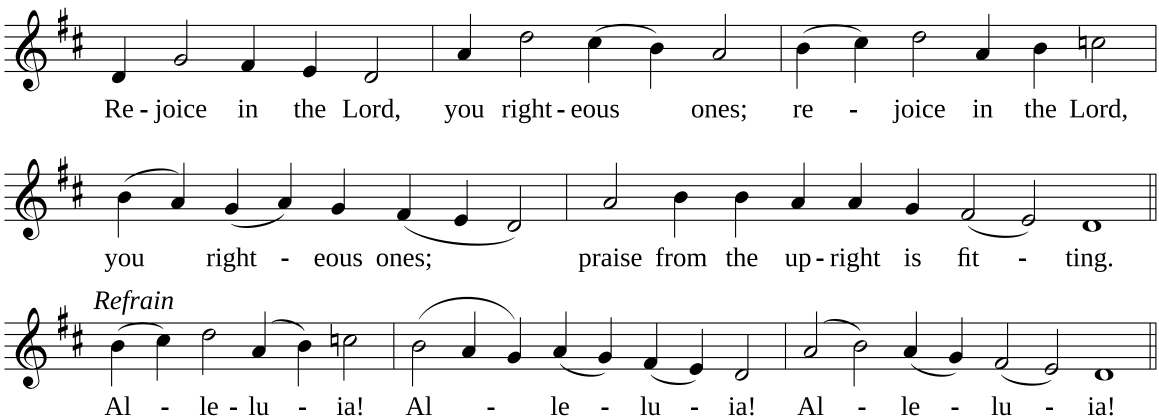
Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.

Alleluia - *Tone 1* (Psalm 39:2,3):



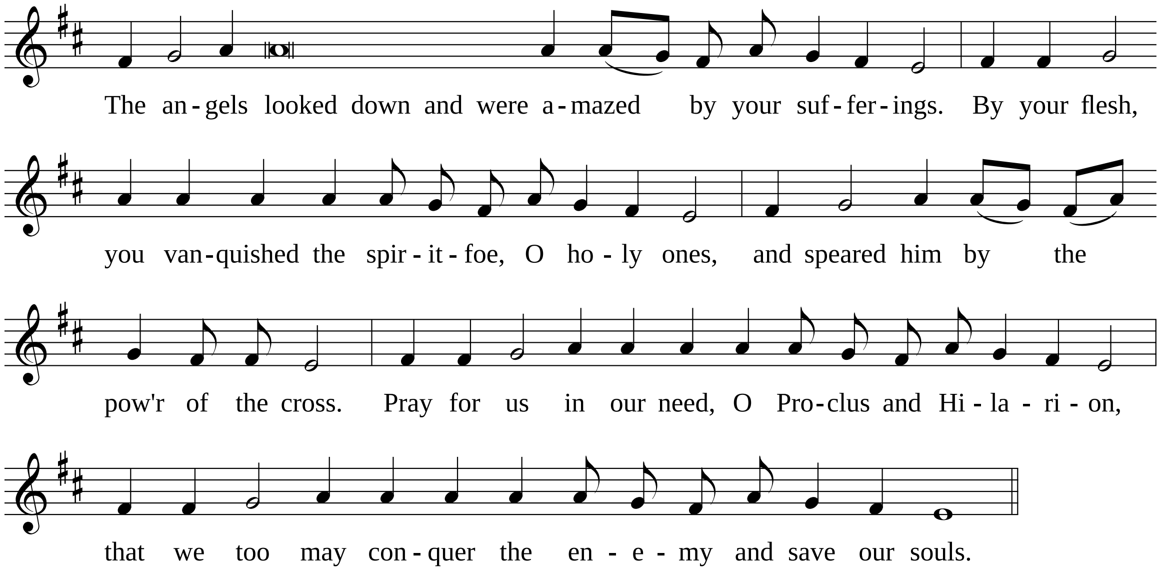
Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1): E

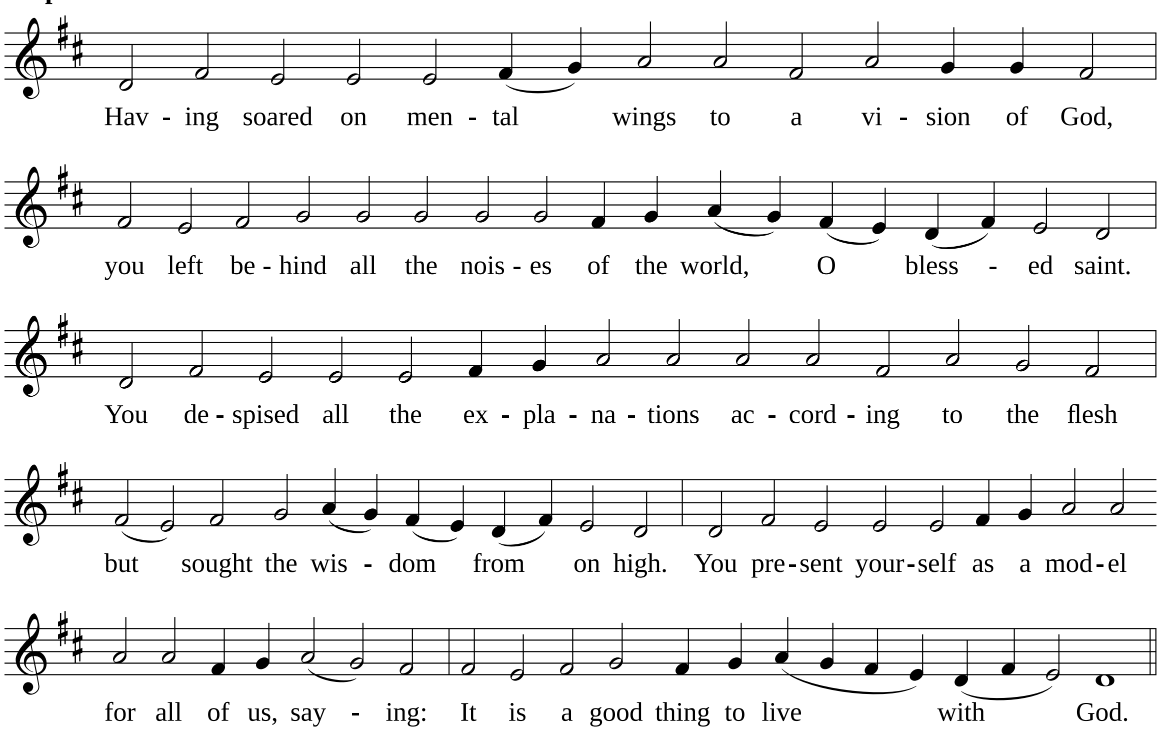


12 The holy martyrs Proclus and Hilary at Ancyra in Galatia, under the emperor Trajan and governor Maximus. Proclus was the uncle of Hilary. They were arrested for being Christians. Proclus said to the torturers, “When you are afraid to transgress the Emperor’s commands and risk falling into temporal punishment, how much more do we Christians fear to transgress against God’s commands and fall into eternal torment!”
Our venerable father Michael of Malein, a wealthy man of noble birth who gave away all his goods and became a hermit on Mt. Kyminas in Bithynia. He had many disciples, of whom the best-known is St. Athanasius the Athonite. (3rd century)

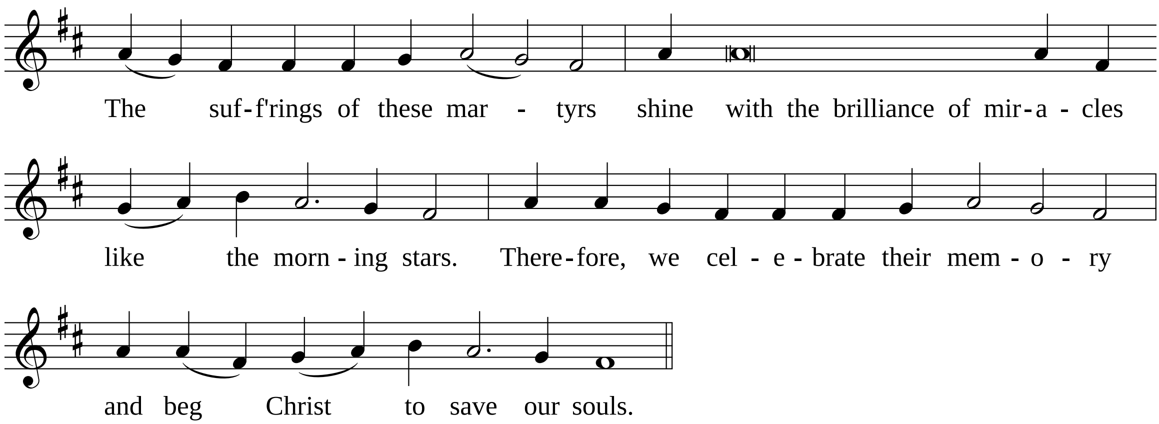
Troparion of the holy martyrs Proclus and Hilarion - *Tone 2*



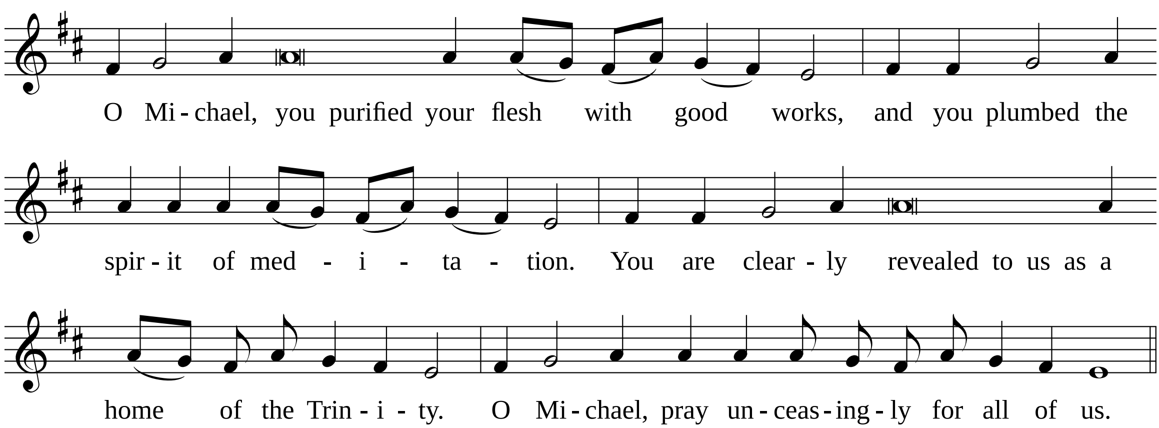
Troparion of our venerable father Michael - *Tone 8*



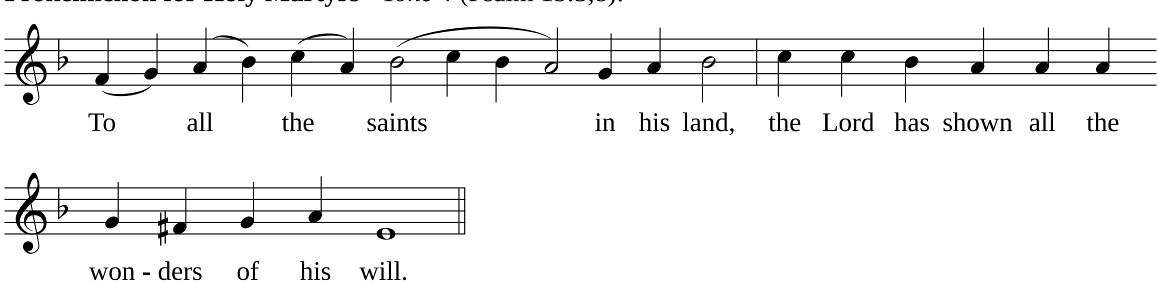
Kontakion of Proclus and Hilarion - *Tone 4*



Kontakion of Michael - *Tone 2*

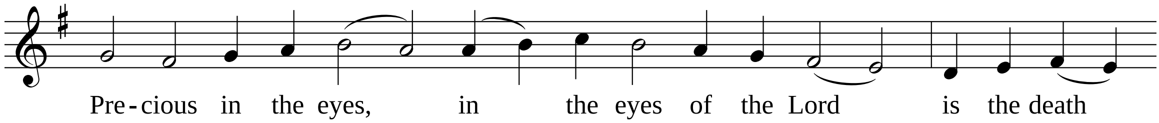


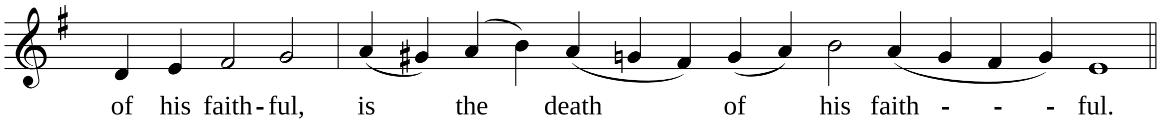
Prokeimenon for Holy Martyrs - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3,8):



Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed

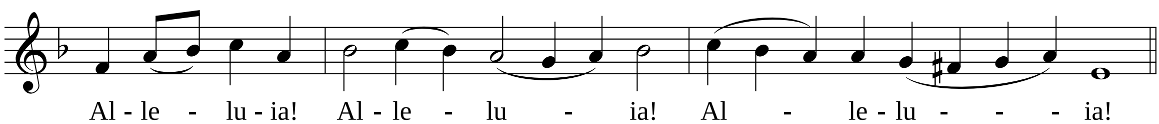
Prokeimenon for a Venerable - *Tone 7* (Psalm 115:6,3):





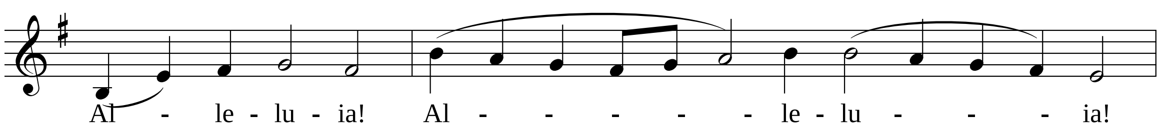
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

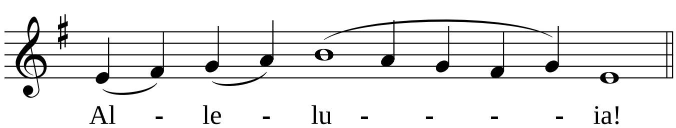
Alleluia for Holy Martyrs - *Tone 4* (Psalm 33:18,20):



Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.
Verse: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

Alleluia for a Venerable - *Tone 6* (Psalm 111:1,2):



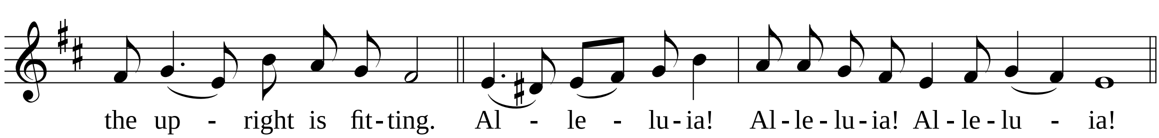


Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn for Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

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Communion Hymn for a Venerable (Psalm 111:6,7):

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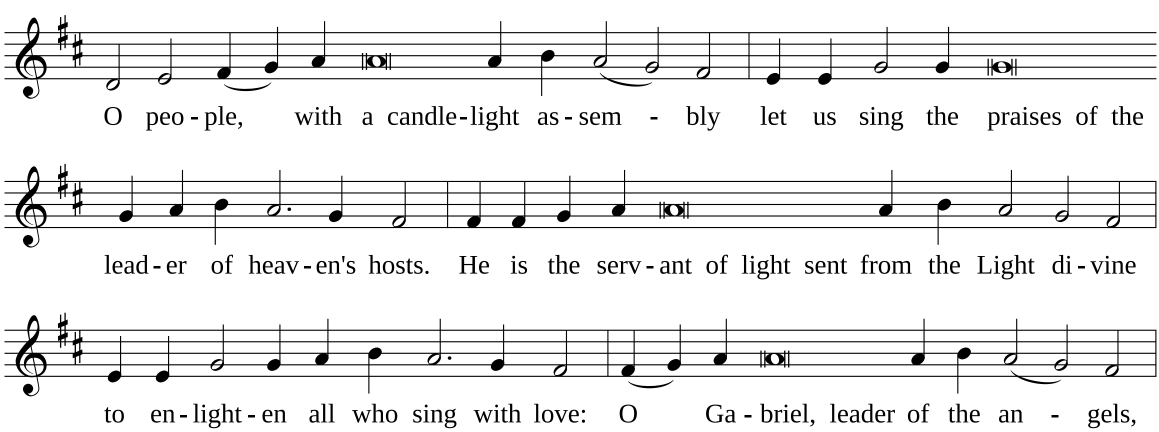


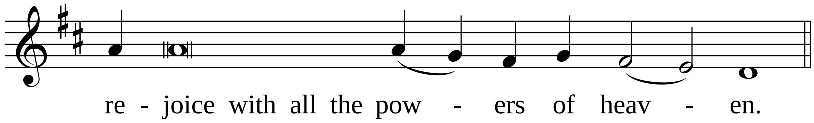
13 The synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. The primary feast of the Archangel is March 26. On this day is commemorated all his appearances and marvels throughout the history of salvation. This feast was instituted on Mt. Athos in 982.

Our venerable father Stephen of the Monastery of St. Sabbas, who suffered death during the reign of the emperor Severus. He was the nephew of St. John Damascene, and lived the monastic life in the Sabaite monastery near Jerusalem. (794)

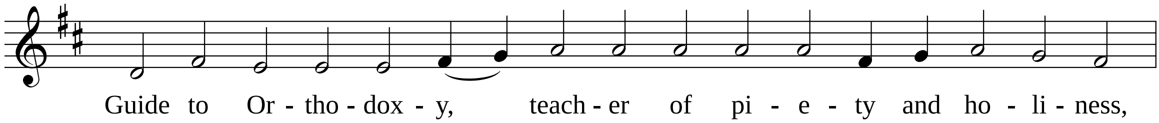
Our holy father Julian, bishop of Kenoman, at Le Mans [Lat.: Cenomanus] in Gallia Lugdunesis [a Roman province in what is now France], who is considered the first bishop of that city. (1st century)

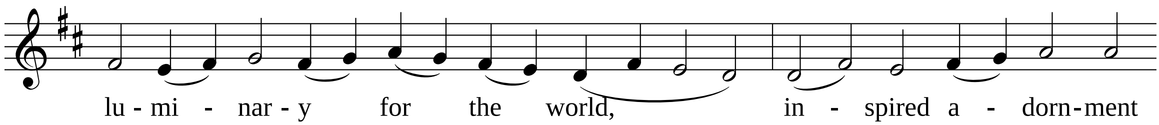
Troparion of the Archangel Gabriel - *Tone 4*



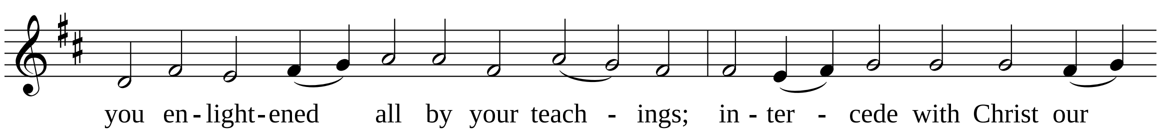


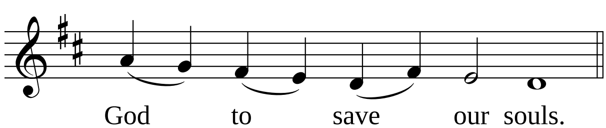
Troparion of our venerable father Stephen - *Tone 8*



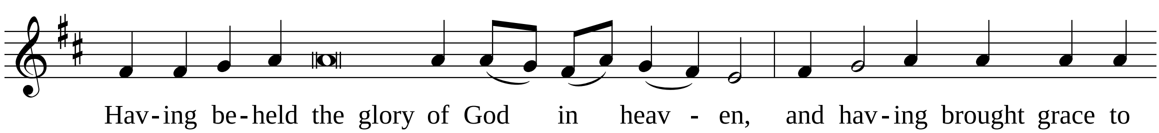


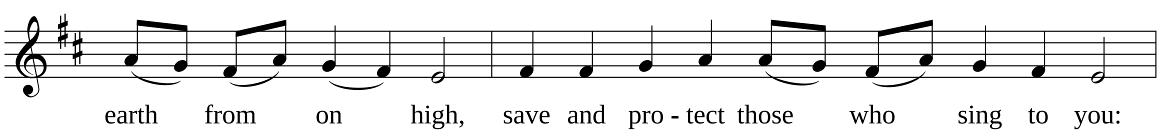


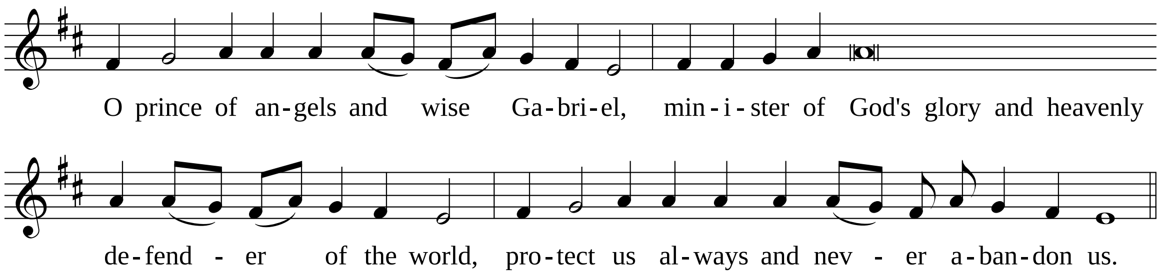




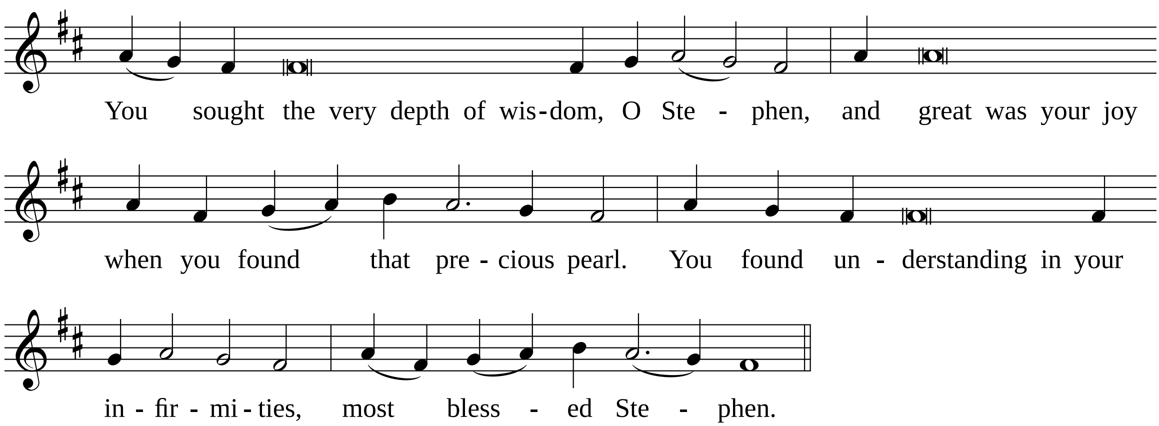
Kontakion of Gabriel - *Tone 2*



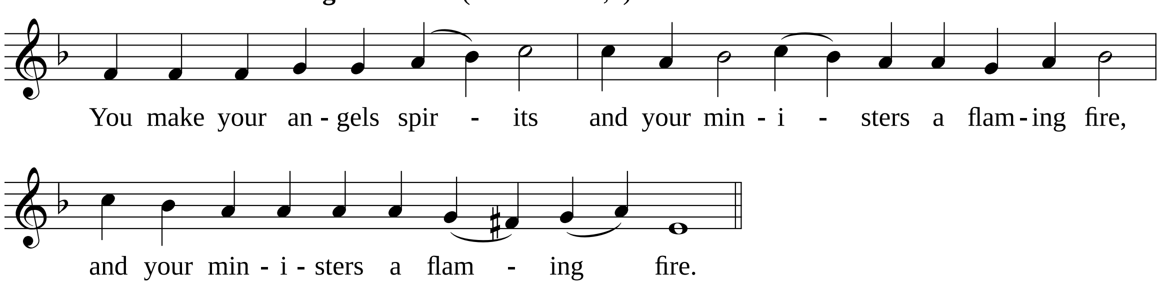




Kontakion of Stephen - *Tone 4*

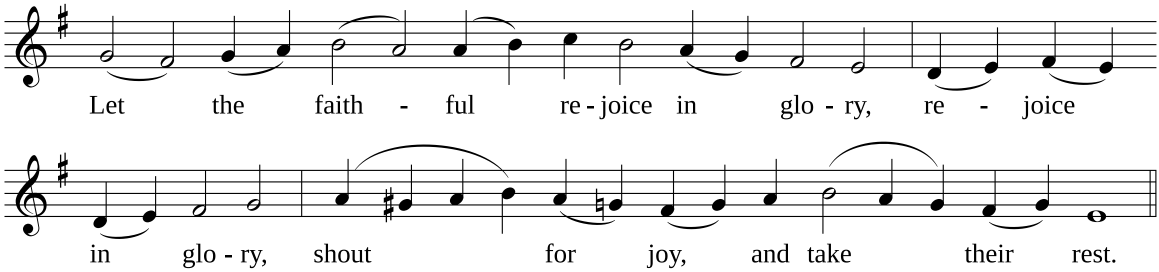


Prokeimenon for an Archangel - *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:4,1):



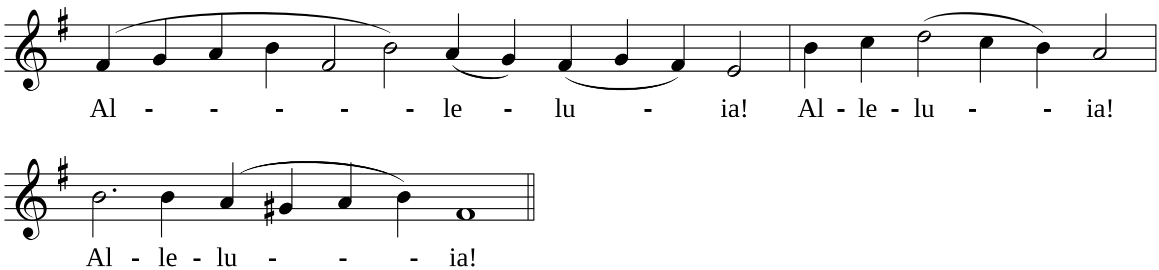
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

Prokeimenon for a Confessor - *Tone 7* (Psalm 149:5,1):



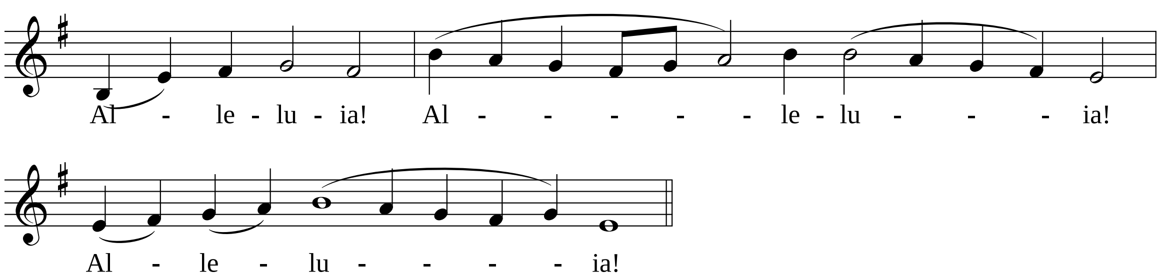
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Alleluia for an Archangel - *Tone 5* (Psalm 148:2,5):



Verse: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise him all his hosts.
Verse: He spoke and they were made; he commanded and they were created.

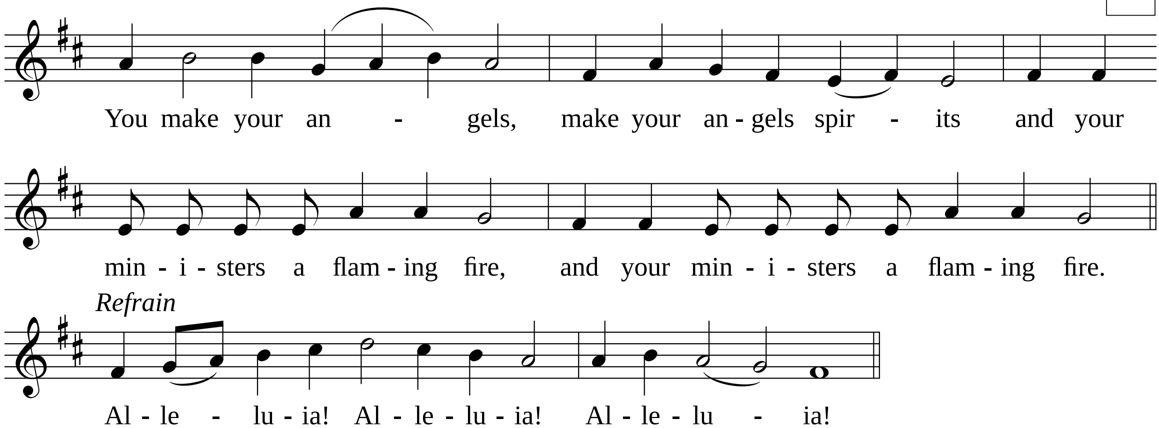
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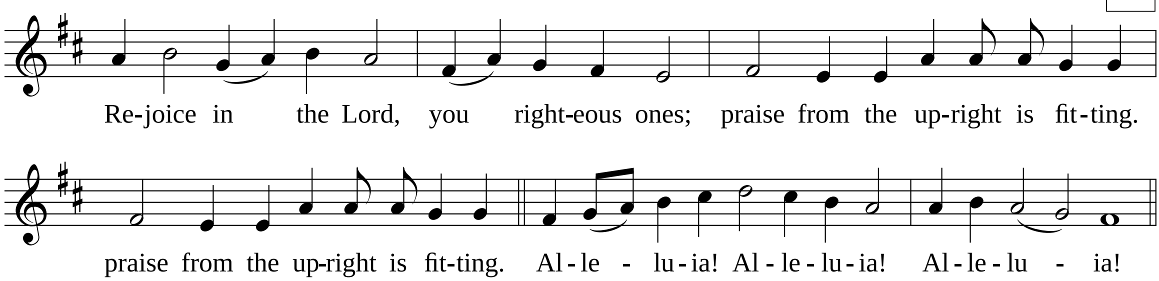
Communion Hymn for an Archangel (Psalm 103:4):

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Communion Hymn for a Confessor (Psalm 32:1):

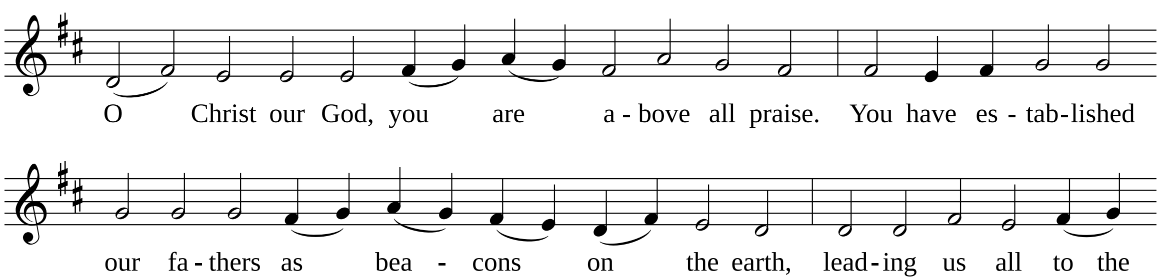
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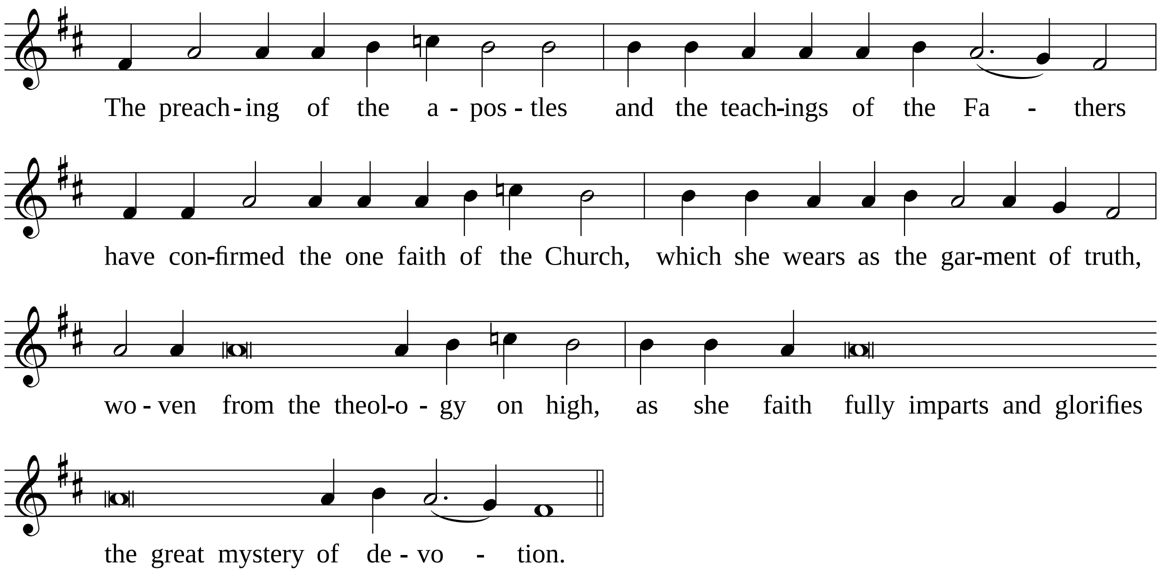
Troparion - *Prescribed Resurrection Tone*

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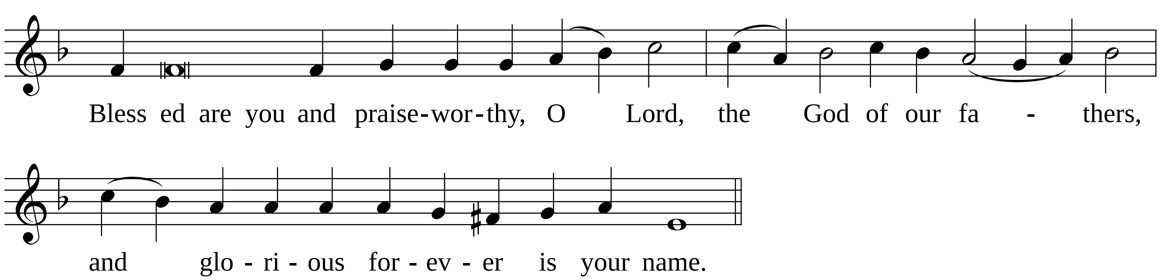




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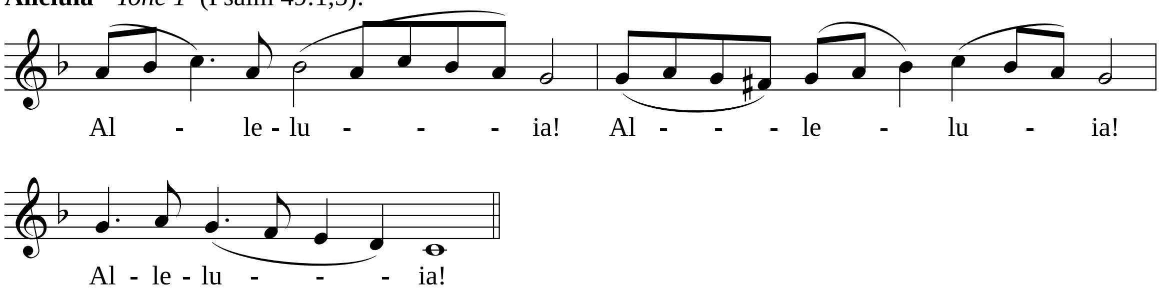


Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Daniel 3:26,27):



Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

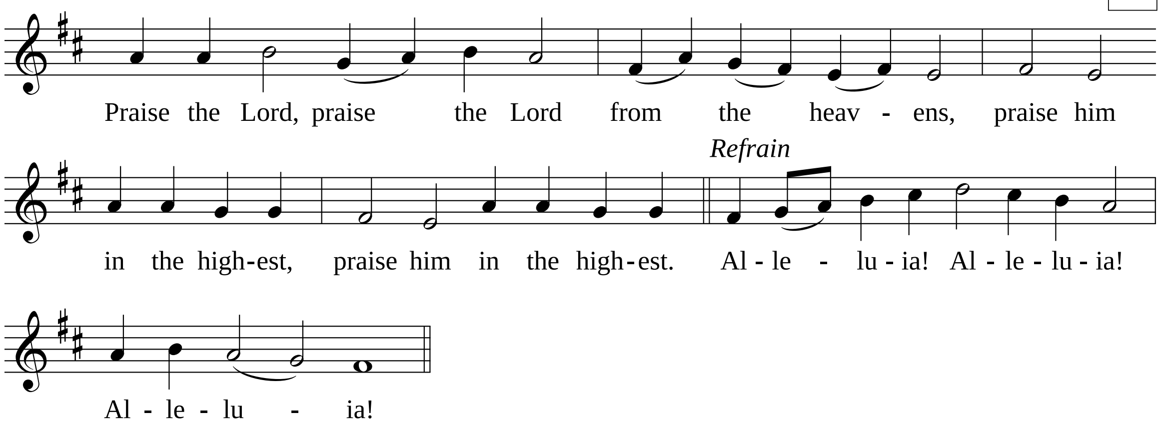
Alleluia - *Tone 1* (Psalm 49:1,5):



Verse: The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Verse: Gather before him his righteous ones who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice.

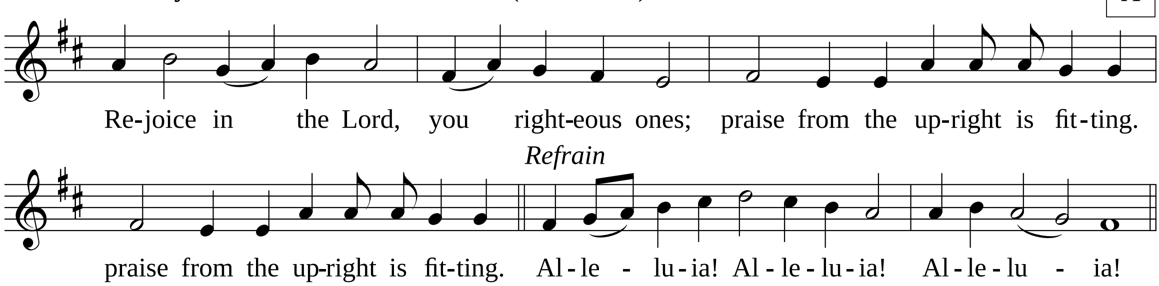
Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):

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Communion Hymn for the Council Fathers (Psalm 32:1):

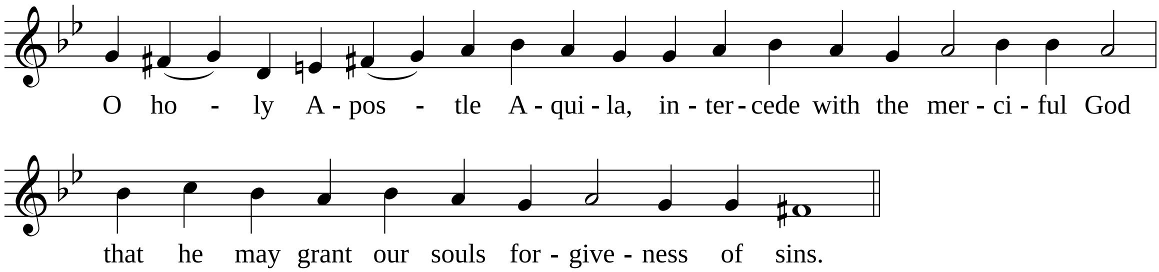
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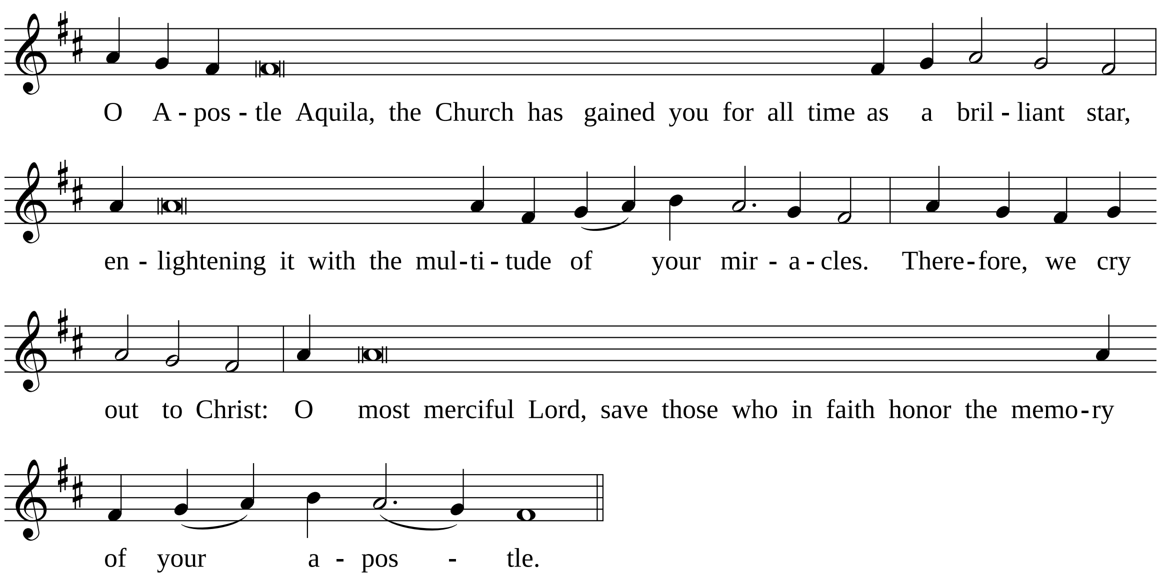
14 The holy apostle Aquila and his wife, Prisca or Priscilla, a married couple, who, helpers of Saint Paul the Apostle, received the Church into their home with hospitality and endangered themselves on his behalf. They are mentioned in I Cor. 16:19, in Romans 16:3-5, and in II Tim.4:19.

The holy martyrs Cyricus and Julitta, at Caesarea in Cappadocia. When they had firmly refused the order of the judge to offer incense to idols, they were cast into the fire. (304)

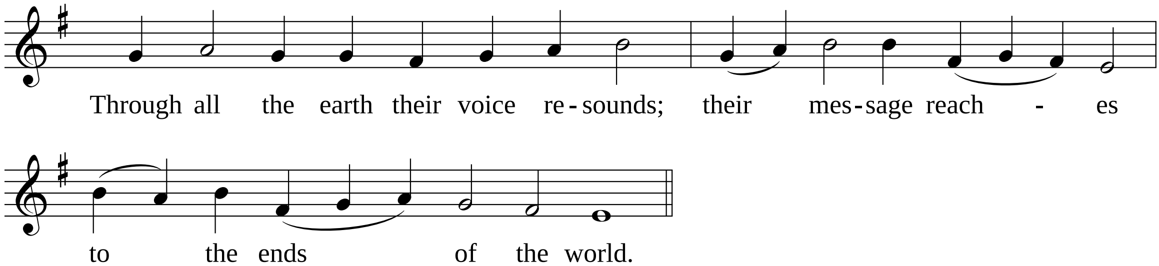
Troparion - *Tone 3*



Kontakion - *Tone 4*

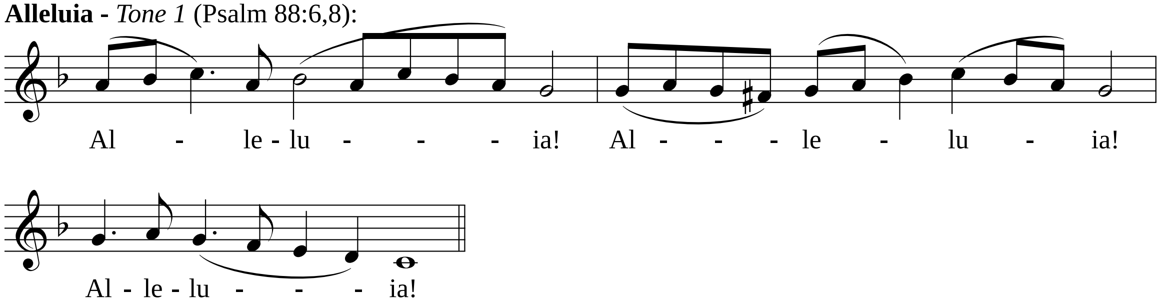


Prokeimenon - *Tone 8* (Psalm 18:5,2):



Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

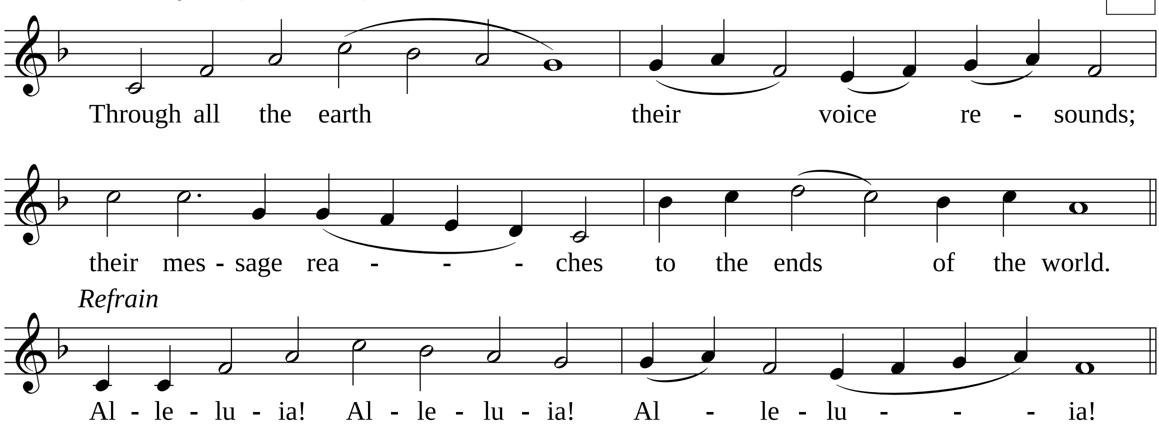
Alleluia - *Tone 1* (Psalm 88:6,8):



Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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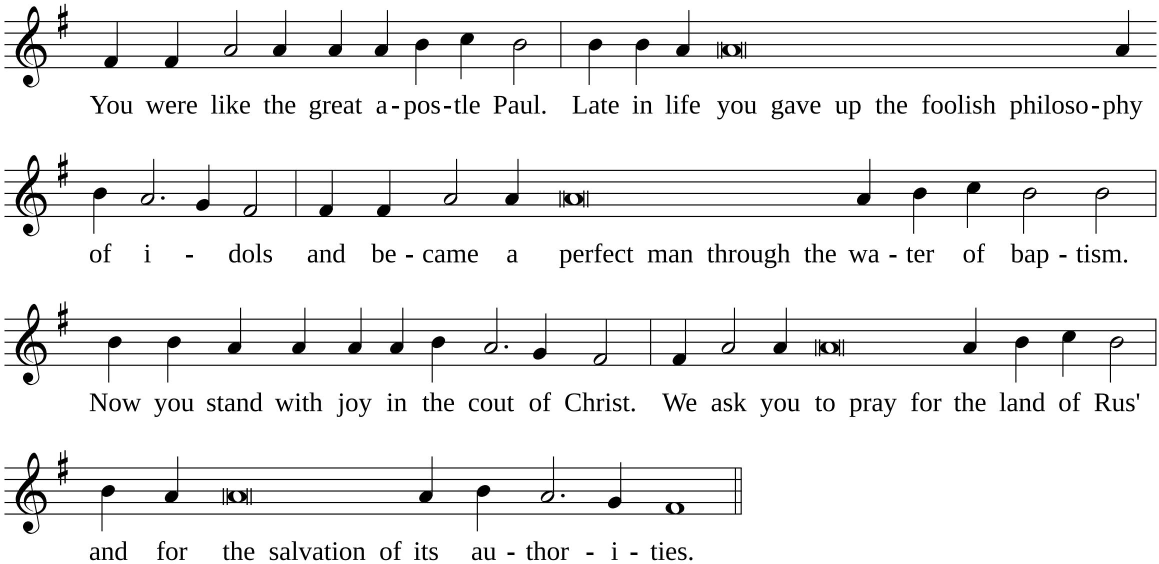


15 The holy great prince Vladimir, equal to the apostles, who was baptized Basil at Kiev in Rus'. Son of Prince Svyatoslav, grandson of Igor and Olga, he was pagan for the fist part of his life. He sent out envoys to find the religion best suited for his people, and he and his court were baptized in the orthodox faith. He bestowed care in spreading the orthodox faith among the peoples subject to him. (1015)

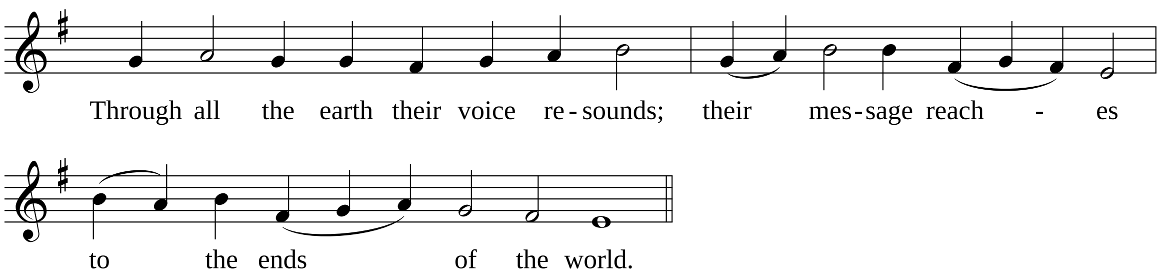
Troparion - *Tone 4*



Kontakion - *Tone 8*

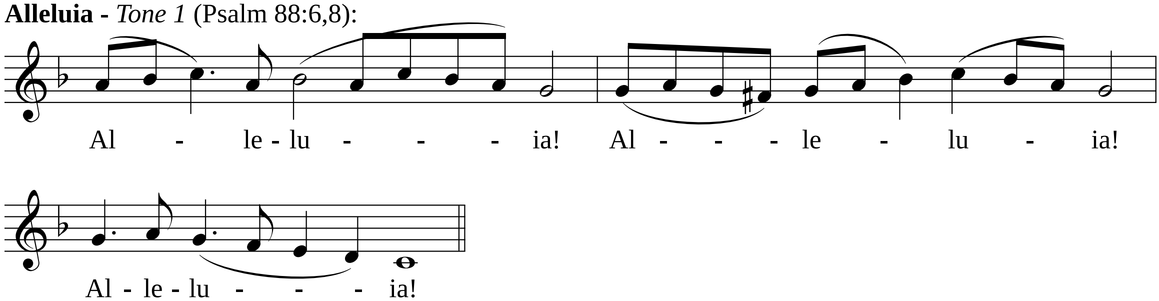


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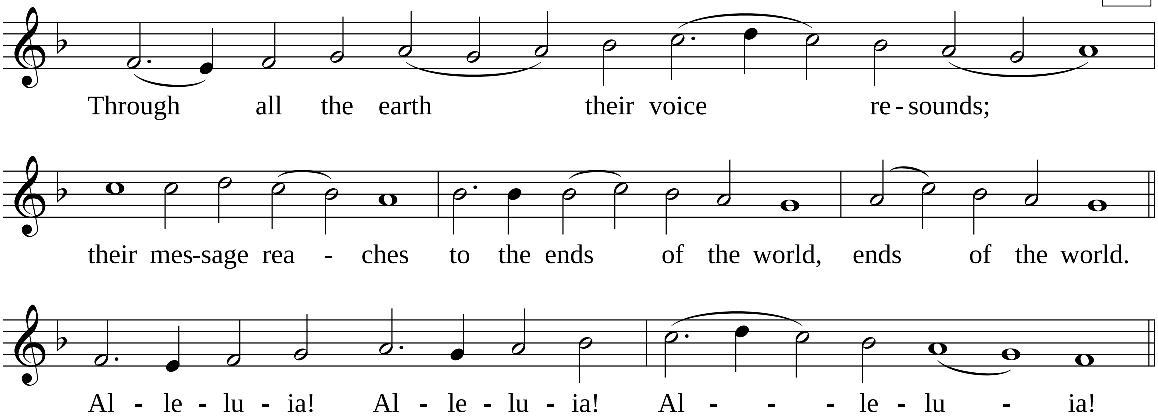
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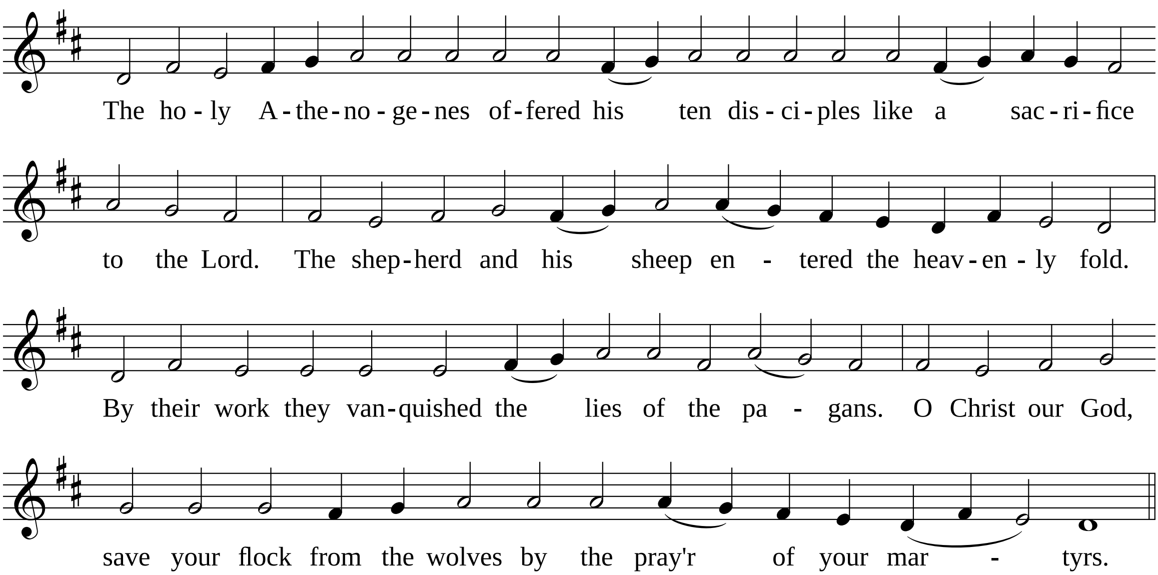
Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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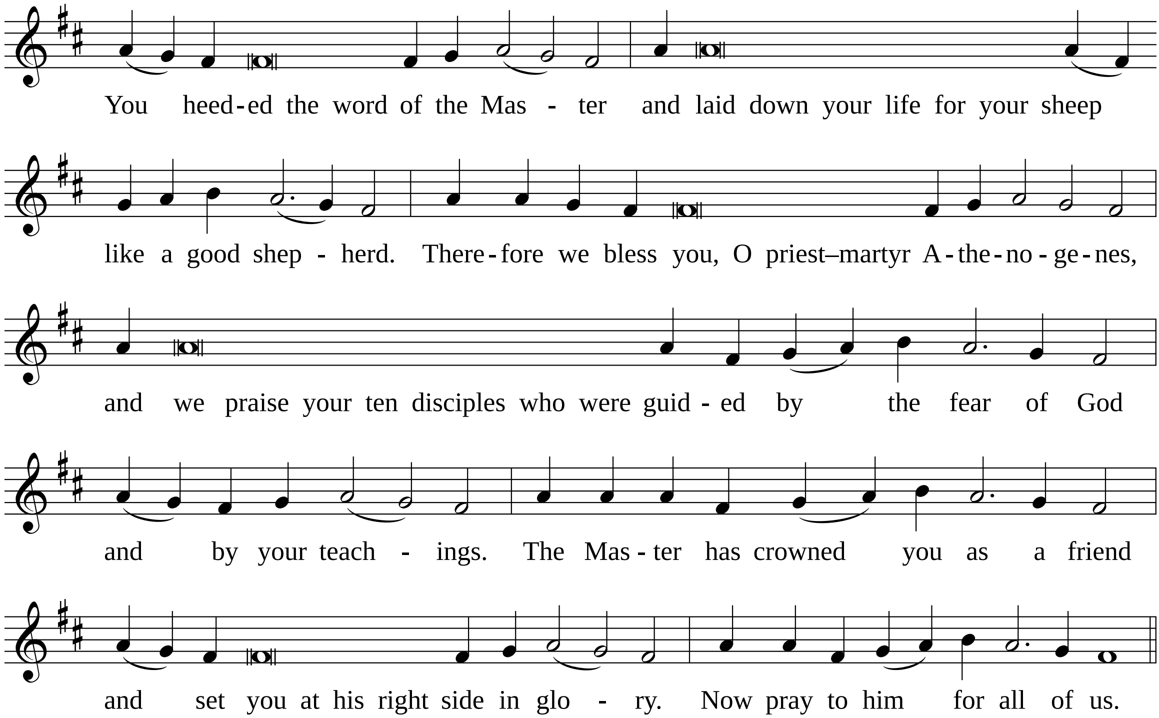


16 The holy martyrs Athenogenes, bishop of Sebaste, and his ten disciples in Armenia. He was an archpriest who left to his disciples a hymn declaring the divinity of the Holy Spirit and was handed over to the flames for the sake of Christ. (311)

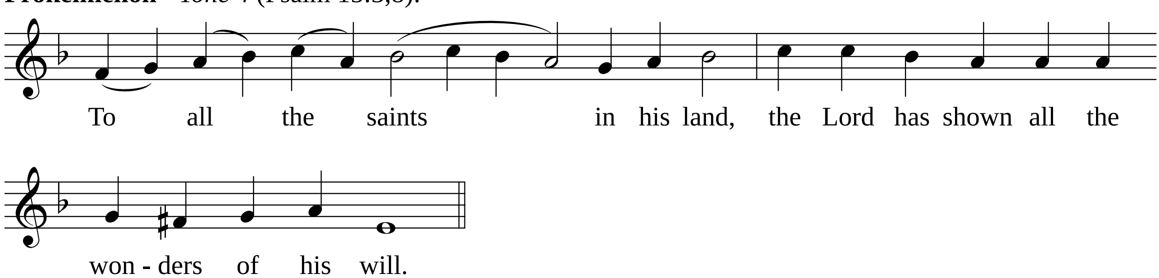
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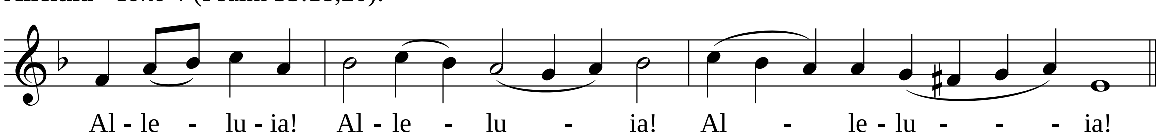


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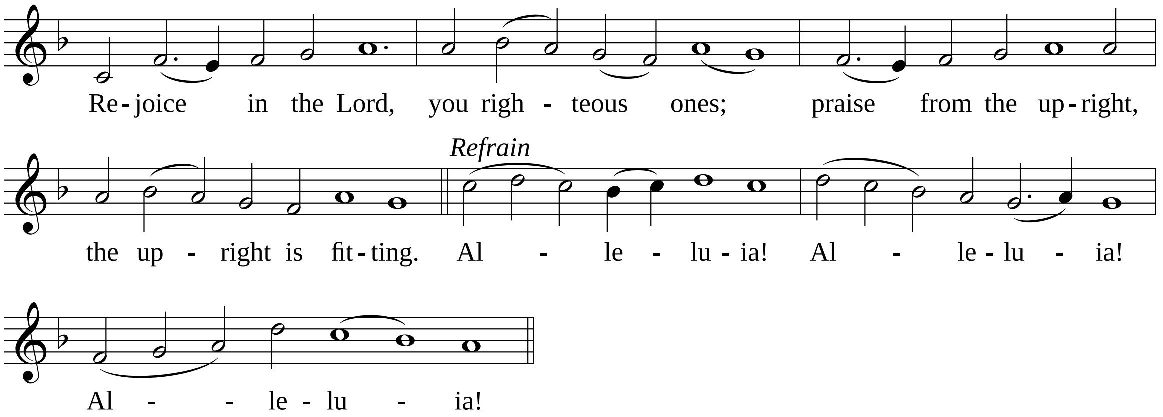
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1)

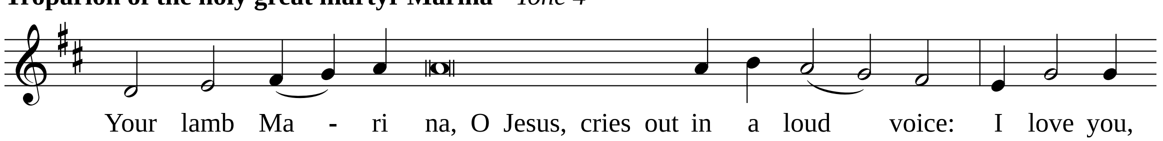
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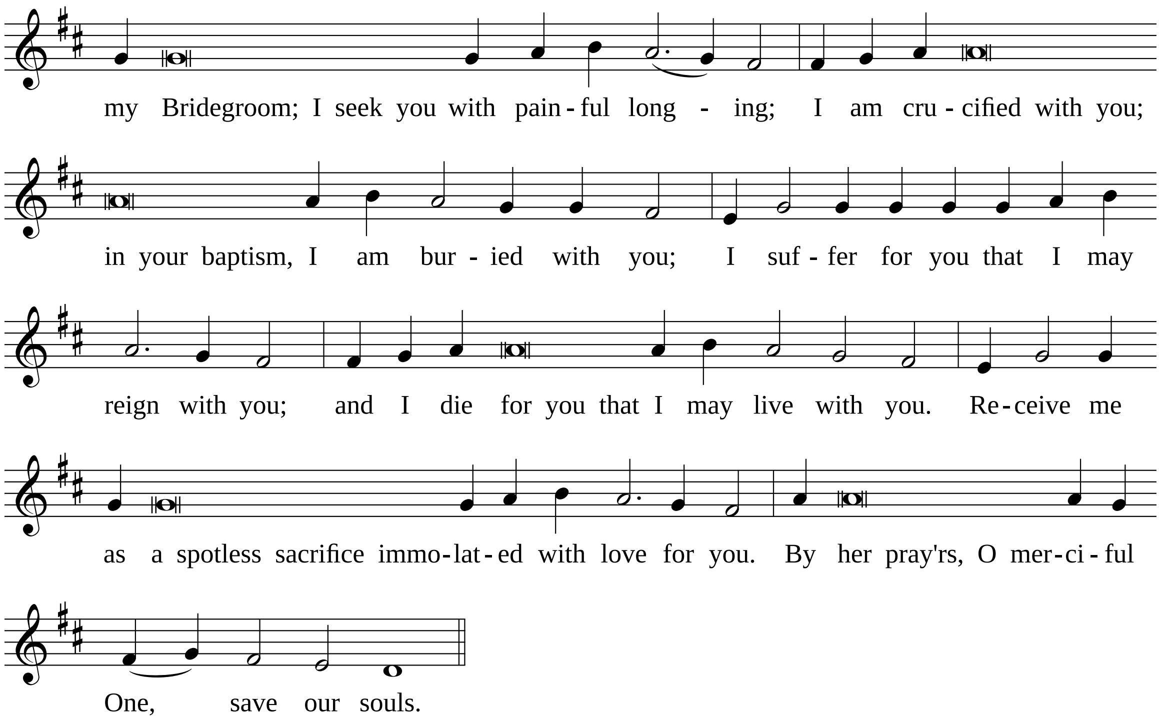


17 The holy great martyr Marina (also known as Margaret), at Antioch in Pisidia. It is said that she dedicated her body to Christ by her virginity and her martyrdom.

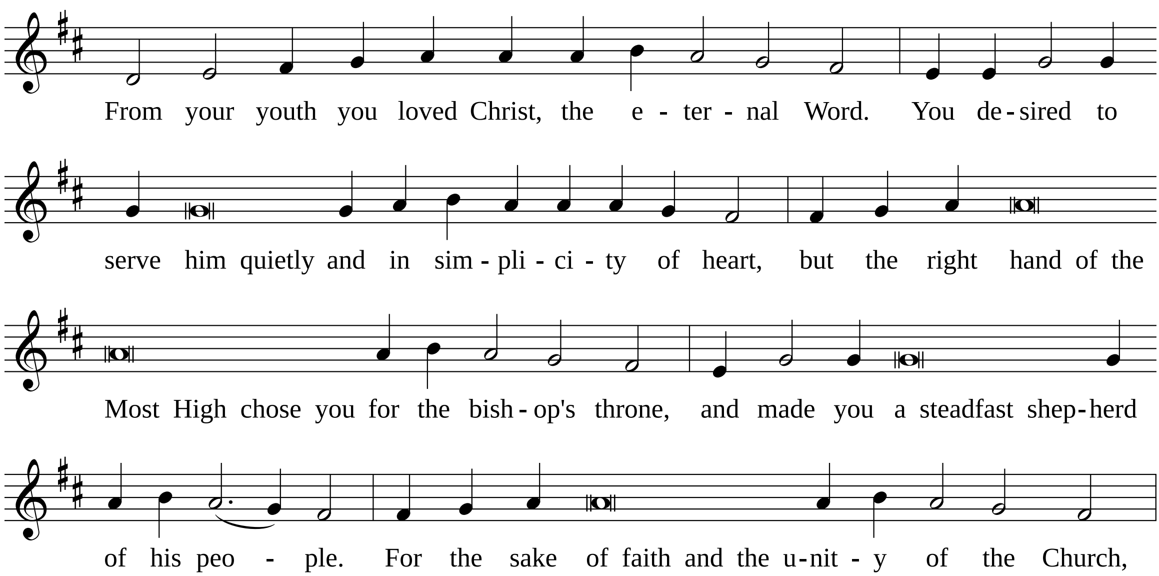
Our venerable father and confessor, Paul Gojdich, bishop of Preshov. Born in 1888 in Ruske Perklany in Prjashevschina to a priestly family. Though his family wanted him to go into medicine or law, he felt called to the priesthood and entered the Preshov seminary in 1907. He chose the celibate priesthood and was ordained in 1911. In 1922, he entered the Basilian monastery of St. Nicholas at Chernecha Hora. He was renowned for his long hours of prayer and for his work with the youth of the Church. In 1926, he was appointed as Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Preshov, and was ordained bishop in 1927. Through independence, war, and near famine conditions, he was a good shepherd to his people. In 1949, the Communist government of Czechoslovakia began its liquidation of the Byzantine Catholic Church, and Bishop Gojdich worked through every means at his disposal to keep his priests and people loyal to their Byzantine Catholic Church and to Rome. He was arrested in 1950, tried in a mock trial in 1951. The secret police made every effort to break Bp. Gojdich and have him recant the Union of Uzhorod, but he remained faithful. However, his health was completely broken by the maltreatment he received, and he died in the penitentiary of Leopoldov, Slovakia. (1960)

Troparion of the holy great martyr Marina - *Tone 4*



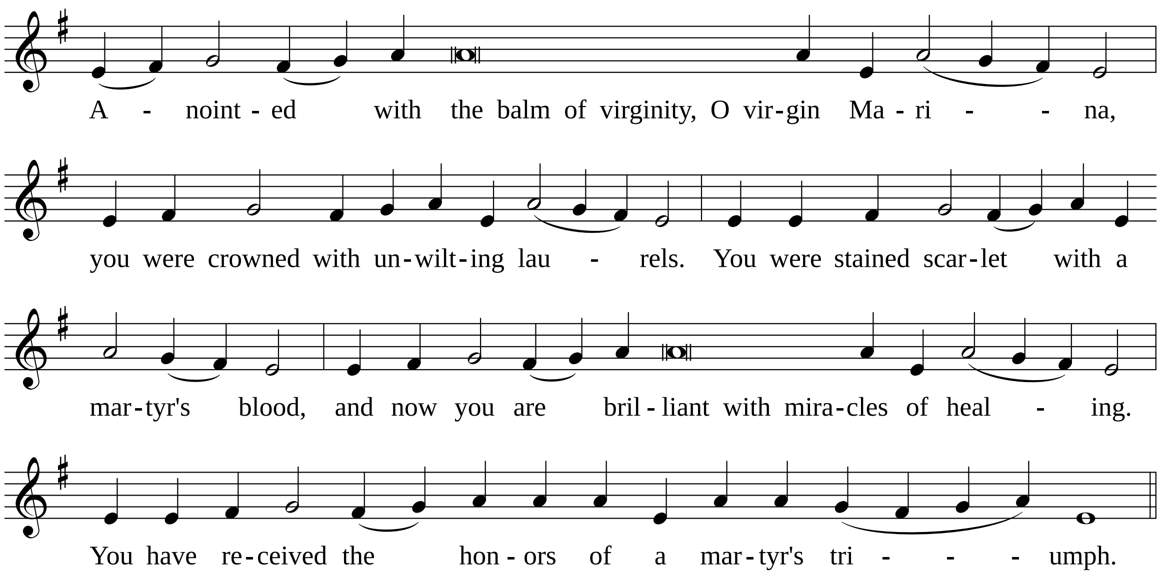


Troparion of blessed Paul Gojdich - *Tone 4*

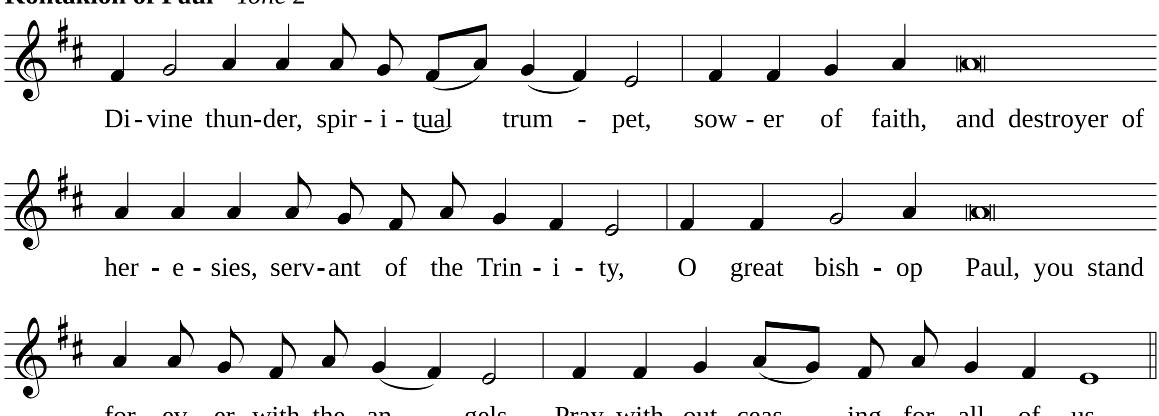




Kontakion of Marina - *Tone 3*

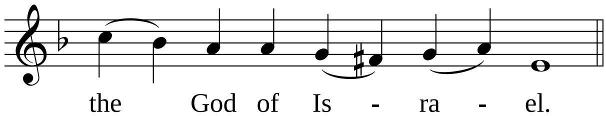


Kontakion of Paul - *Tone 2*



Prokeimenon for a Woman Martyr - *Tone 4* (Psalm 67:36,27):

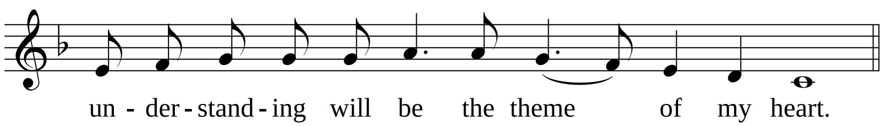




Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.

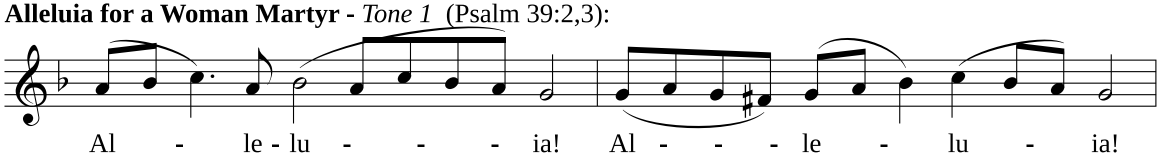
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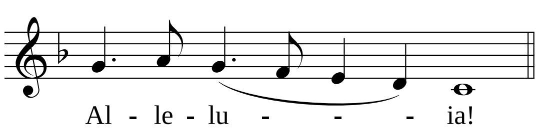




Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

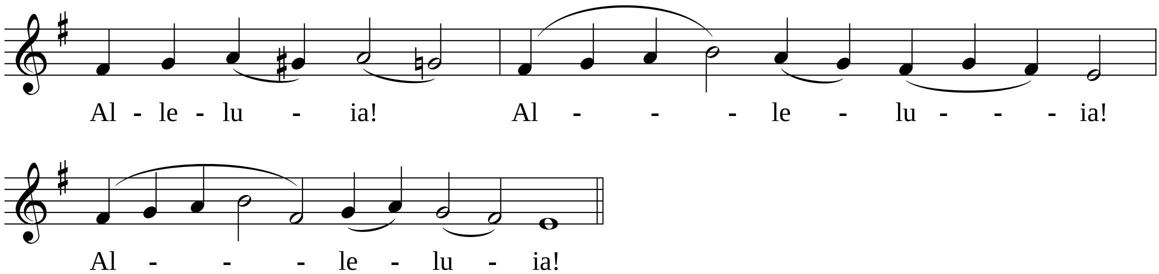
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Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
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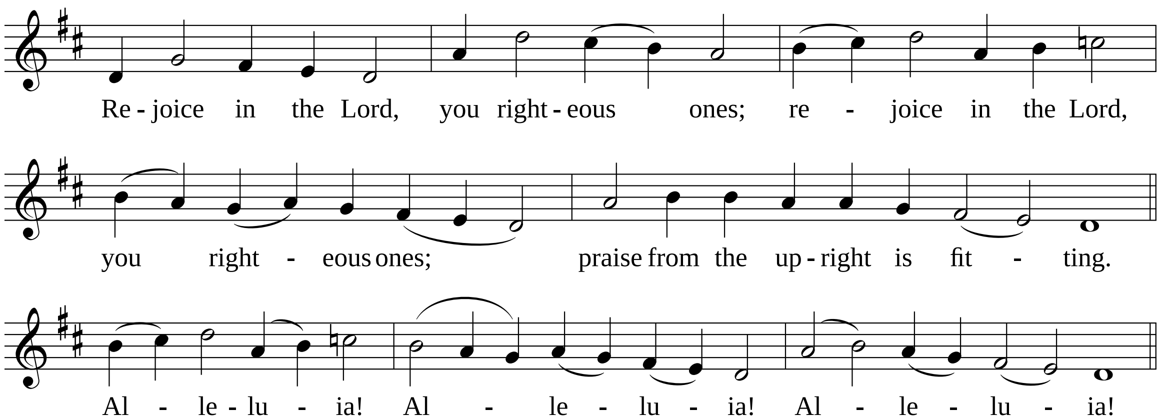
Alleluia for a Hierarch - *Tone 2* (Psalm 36:30,31):



Verse: The just man's mouth utters wisdom and his lips speak what is right.
Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

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Communion Hymn for a Woman Martyr (Psalm 32:1):



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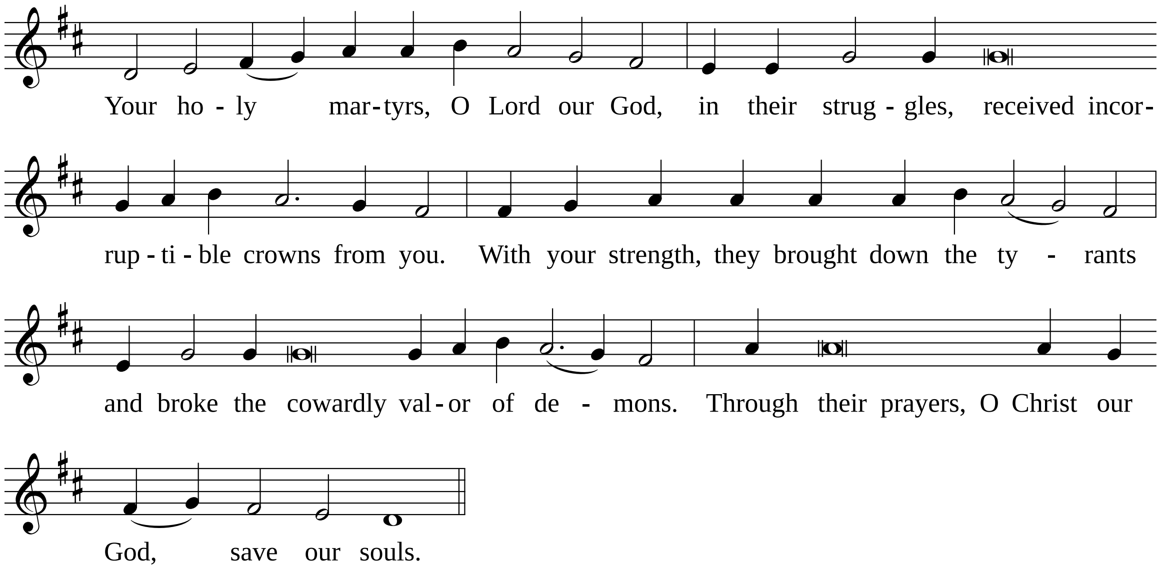
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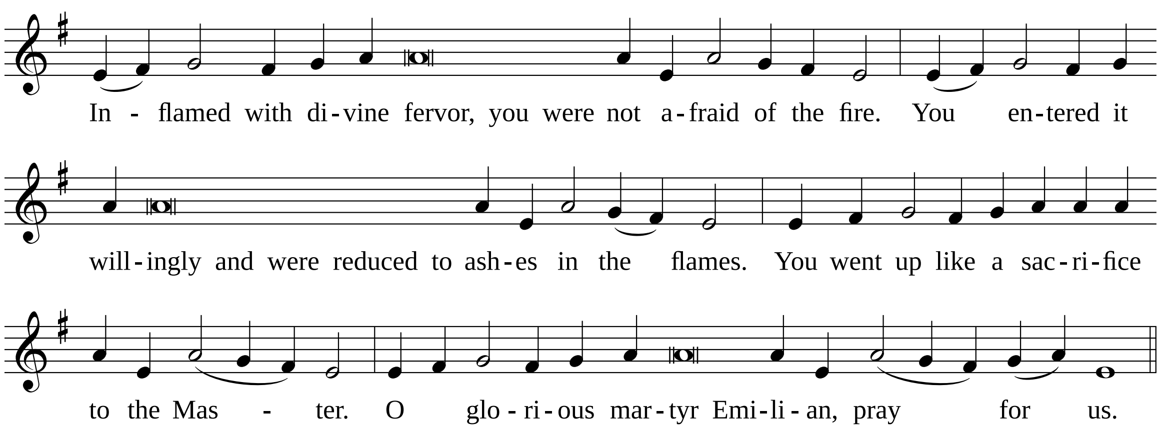
18 The holy martyr Hyacinth of Amastris in Paphlagonia, who died in prison after much suffering, under the prefect Castritus. (4th Century)

The holy martyr Emilian of Durostorum in Moesia, modern Silistra, on the Bulgaria-Romania border. Despising the edicts of Julian the Apostate and the threats of his deputy Catulinus, he overturned the altars of idols and restrained the sacrifices. Because of this, he was cast into a furnace and received the palm of martyrdom. (362)

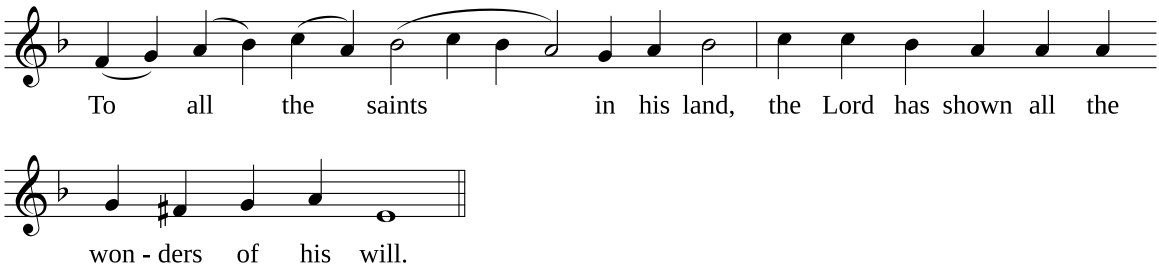
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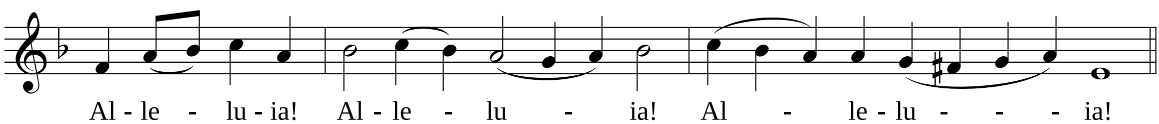


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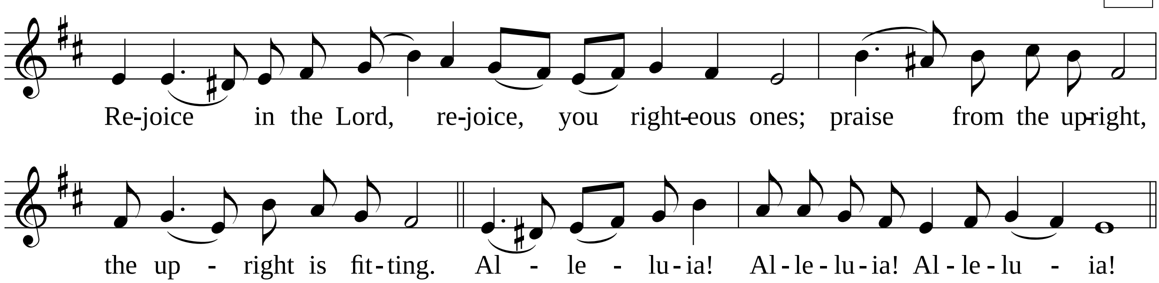
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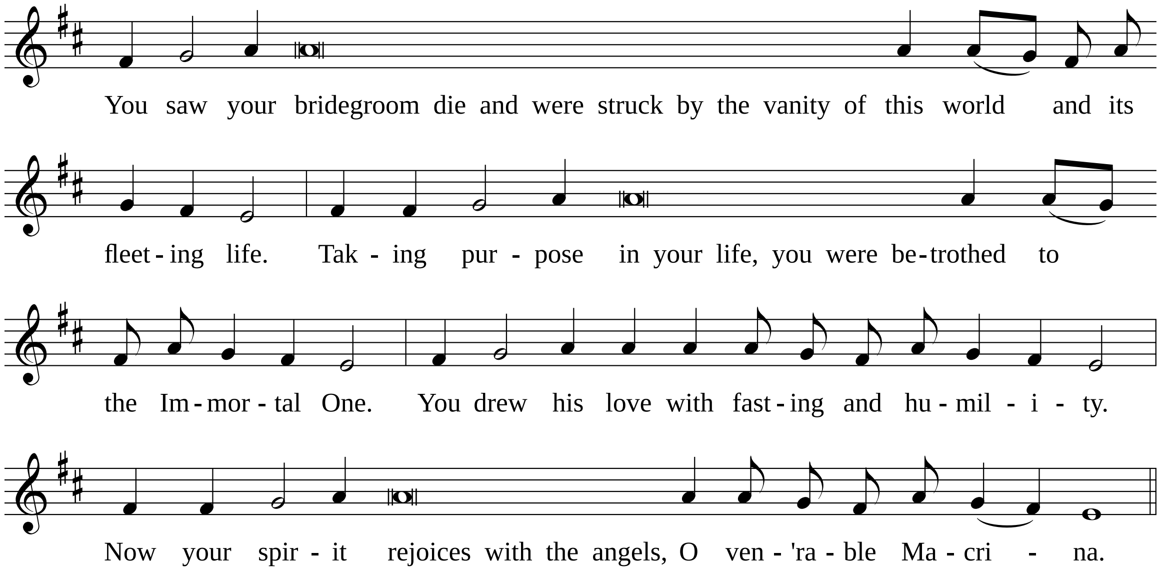
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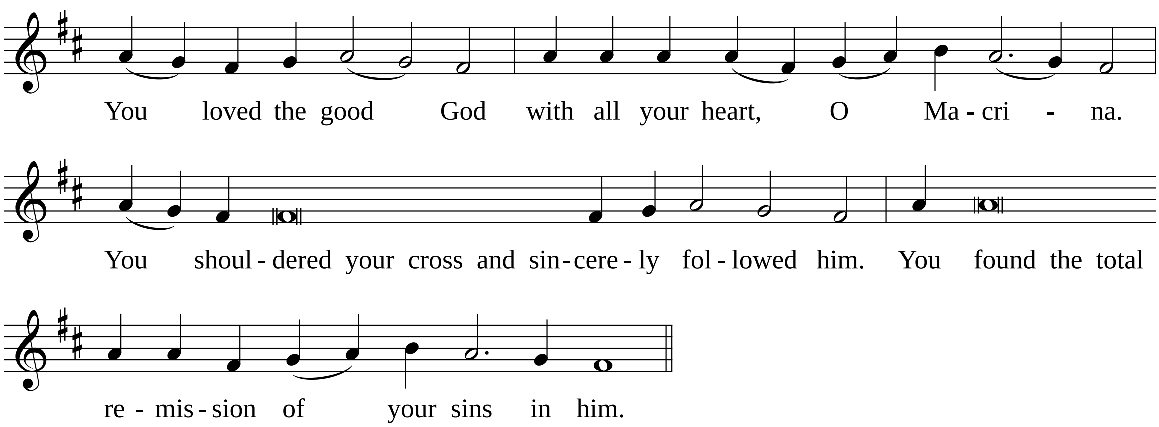
19 Our venerable mother Macrina, sister of Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa and Peter of Sebaste, in the monastery of Annesinus on the river Irim in Pontus, virgin. She was learned in the Sacred Scriptures and led a solitary life, and provided a wonderful example of those possessing the desire for God, who had forsaken the vanity of the world. (379)

Our venerable father Dios at Constantinople, called the Wonderworker, archimandrite, who left his home in Antioch and was ordained in Constantinople and founded a monastery under the Rule of the Akoemeti (i.e., the "Unsleeping"). (430)

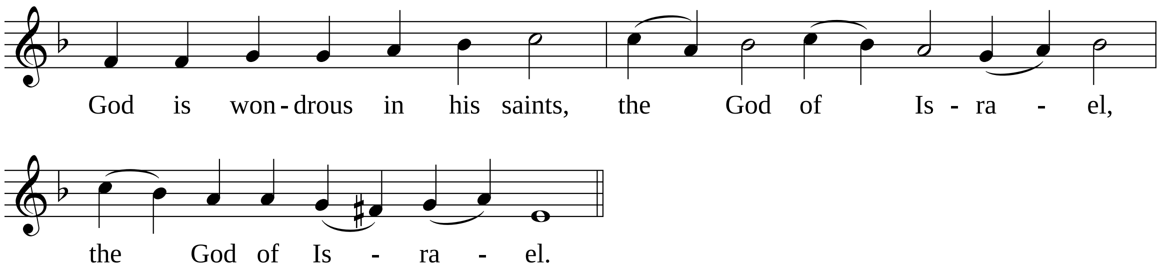
Troparion - *Tone 2*



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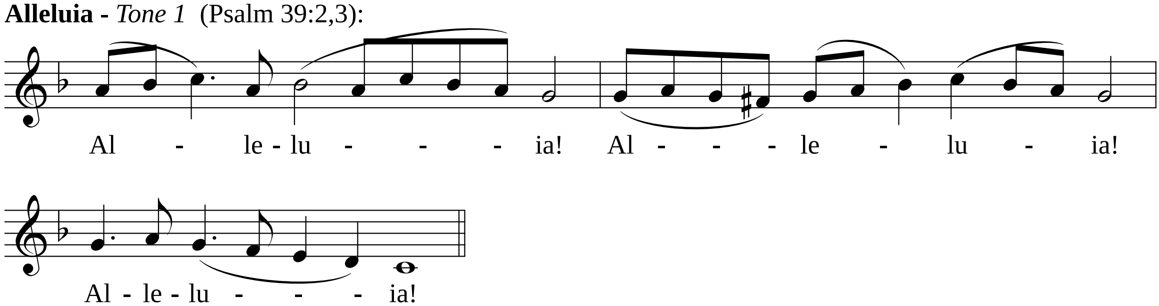


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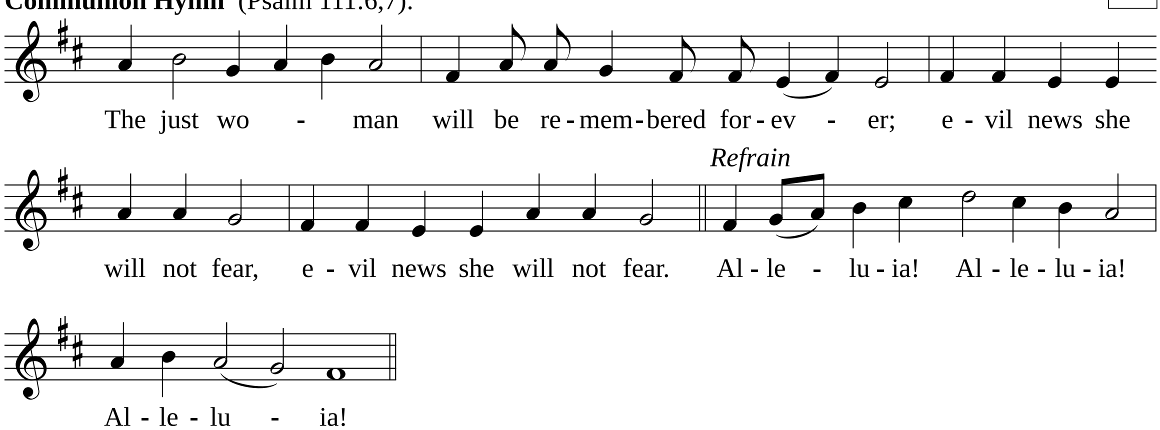
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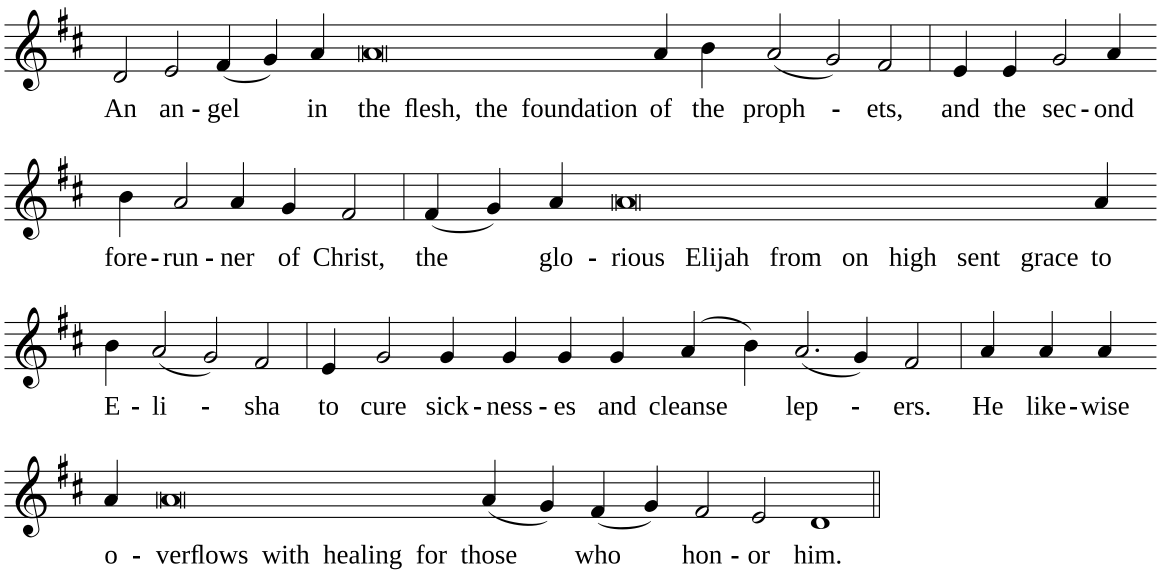
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

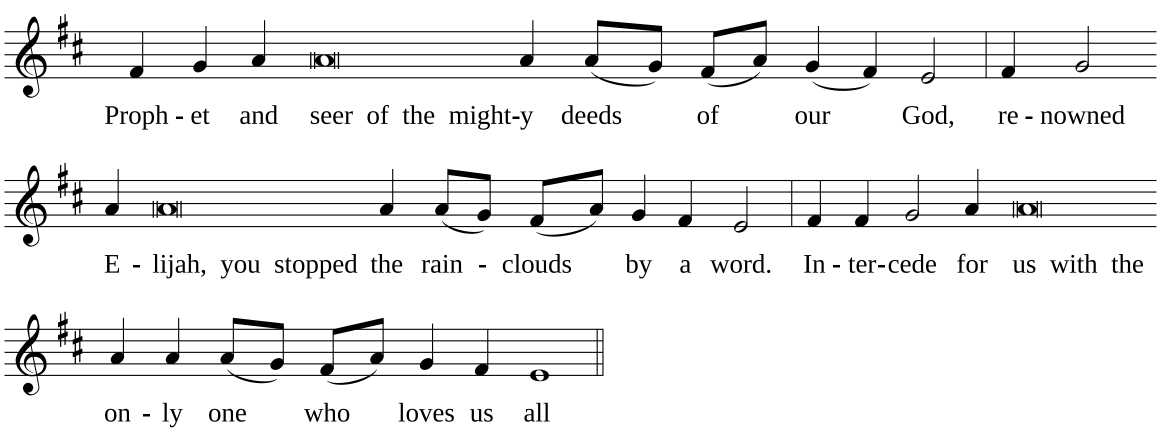


20 THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH the Tishbite, who was a prophet of the Lord in the days of Ahab, the king of Israel and defended the rights of the one God against the unfaithful people with such a strength of spirit that he prefigured not only John the Baptist but even Christ himself. Written prophecies do not remain, but his memory is faithfully kept, especially on Mount Carmel.

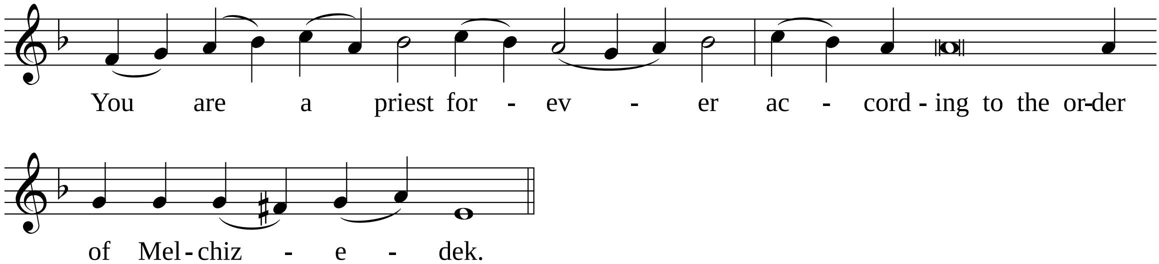
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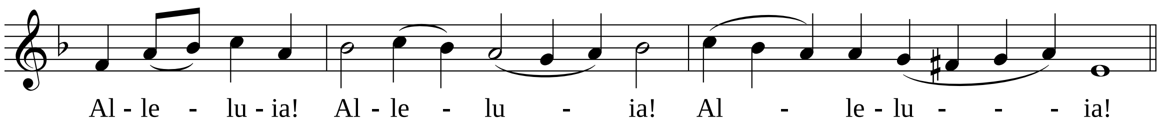


Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 109:4,1):



Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 98:6):



Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
Verse: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

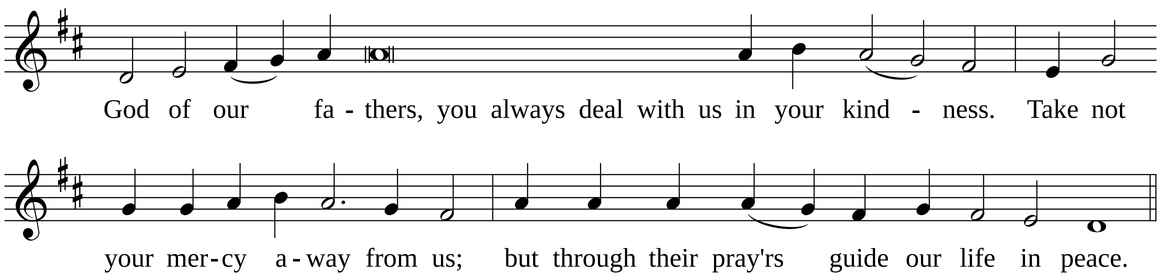
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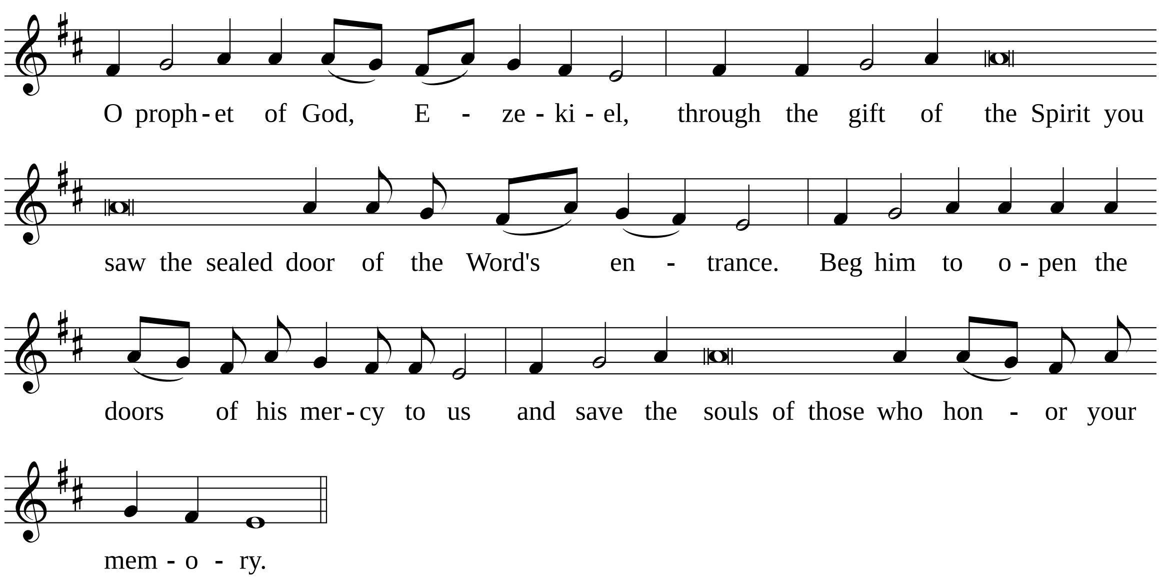
21 Our venerable father Simeon, fool for Christ, and his fellow ascetic John. Simeon, called Salus [i.e., of the sea; he lived for 29 years next to the Dead Sea], at Emesa in Syria. Moved by the divine Spirit, he desired to be considered a fool for Christ and ignoble among people. Likewise the commemoration of St. John, hermit, who for almost thirty years was a companion to St. Simeon in his holy wandering and in a hermitage at the Dead Sea. (590)

The holy prophet Ezekiel, who was a son of the priest Buzi. At the time of the exile in the land of the Chaldeans, he was notable for his vision of the glory of the Lord. As an examiner placed before the house of Israel, he reproved the unfaithfulness of the Chosen People. He foresaw that the holy city of Jerusalem would be overthrown into ruins and the people deported. He himself was in the midst of the captives; he nourished their hope and prophesied to them that the dry bones would return to life.

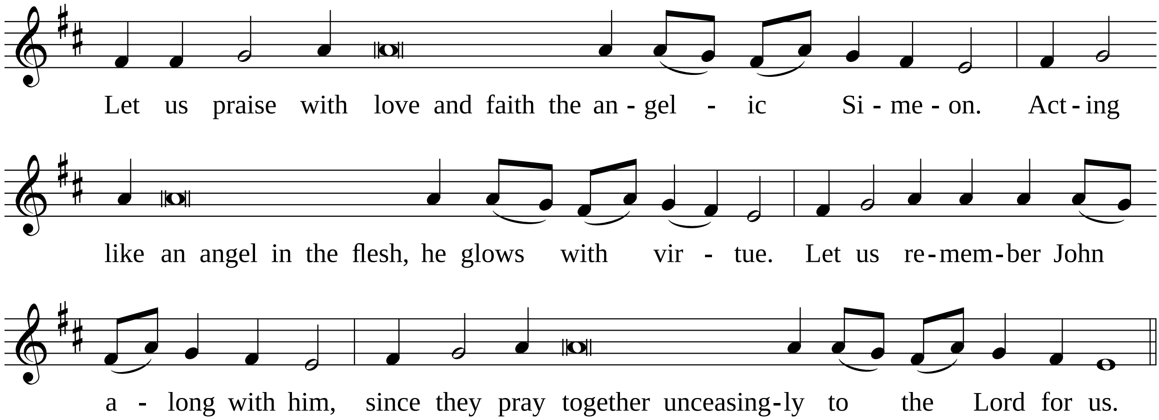
Troparion of our venerable fathers Simeon and John -*Tone 4*



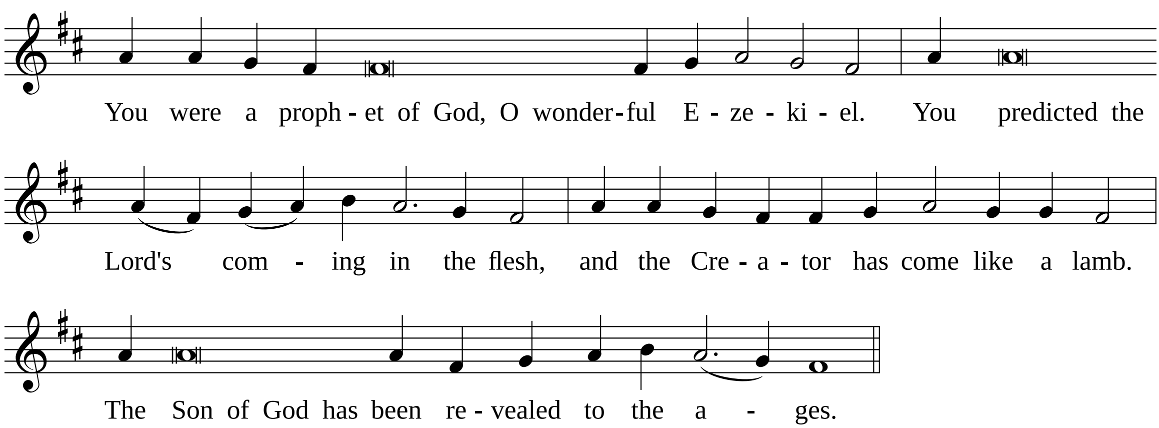
Troparion of the holy prophet Ezekiel - *Tone 2*



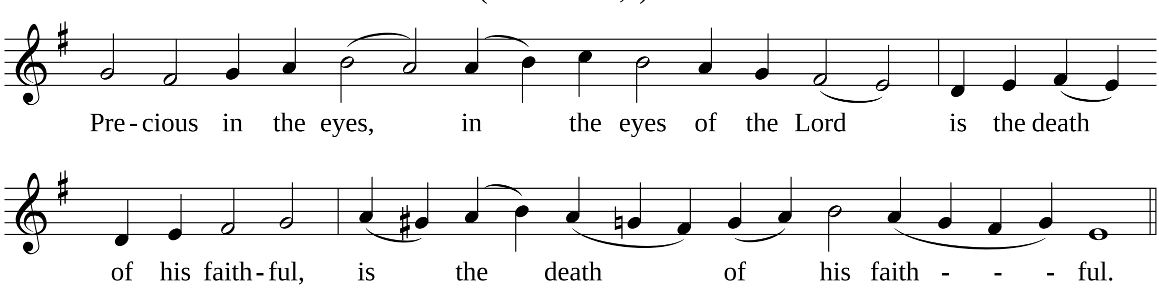
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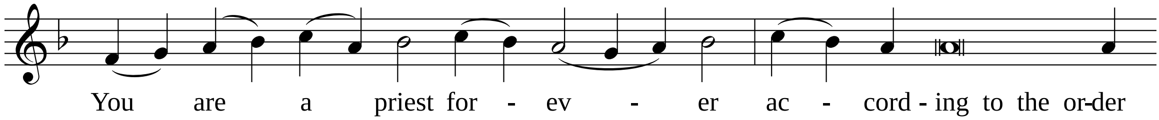


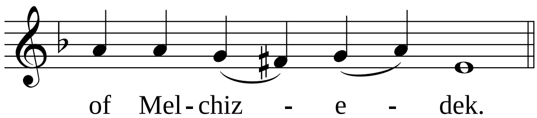
Prokeimenon for Fools of Christ- *Tone 7* (Psalm 115:6,3):



Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

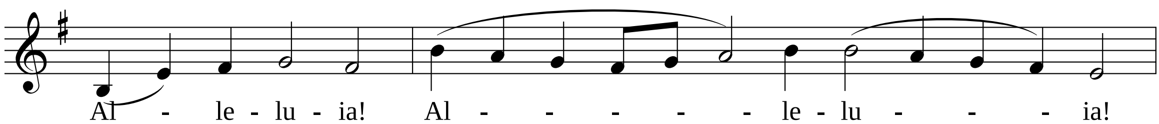
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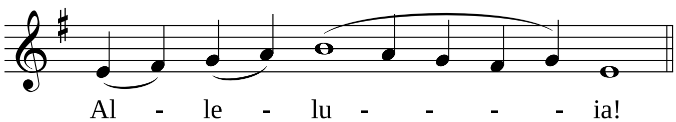




Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Alleluia for Fools of Christ - *Tone 6* (Psalm 111:1,2):





Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

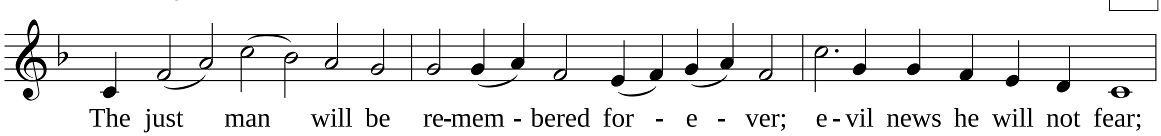
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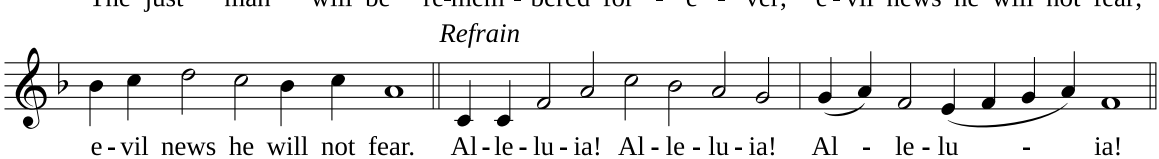


Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
Verse: Light dawns for the just, and gladness for the upright of heart.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

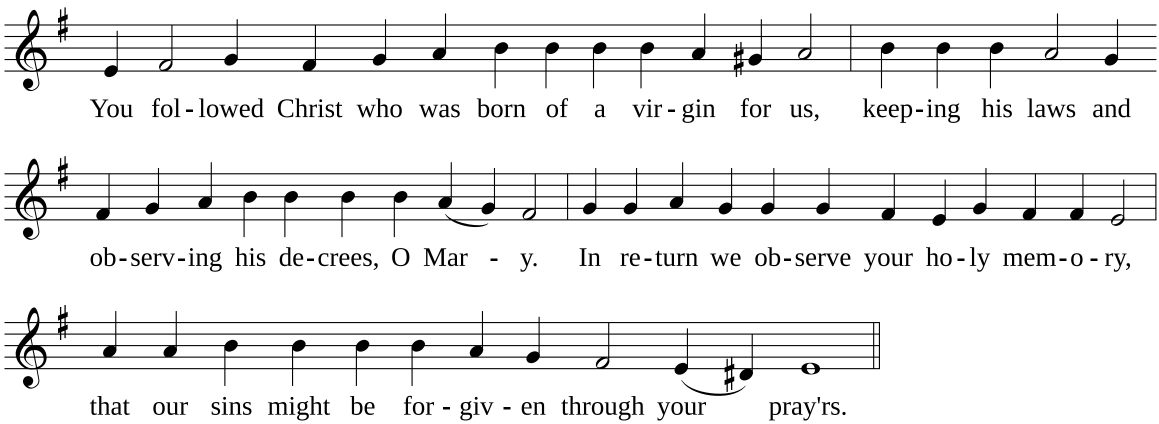
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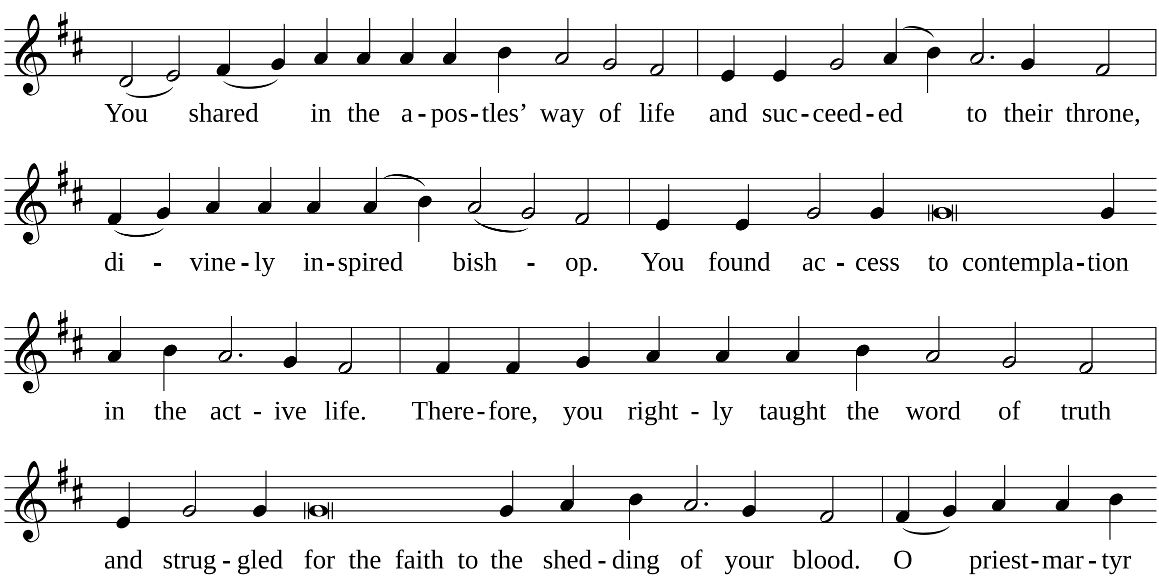


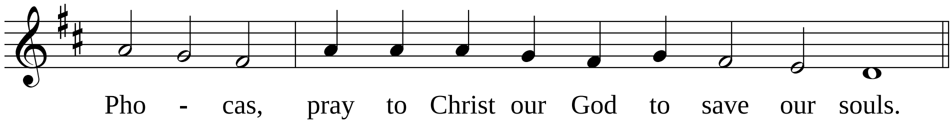
22 The holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, equal to the apostles, who, freed by the Lord of seven demons and made a disciple, followed him even to Mount Calvary. At the break of dawn on the first Pascha, she was found worthy to see the Savior risen again from the dead and to bear the news of his resurrection to the other disciples. **Translation of the relics of the holy bishop martyr Phocas, bishop of Sinope.** His relics were taken from Sinope to Vienne in France in the 13th century, and today is the feast of the translation.

Troparion of Mary Magdalene - *Tone 1:*

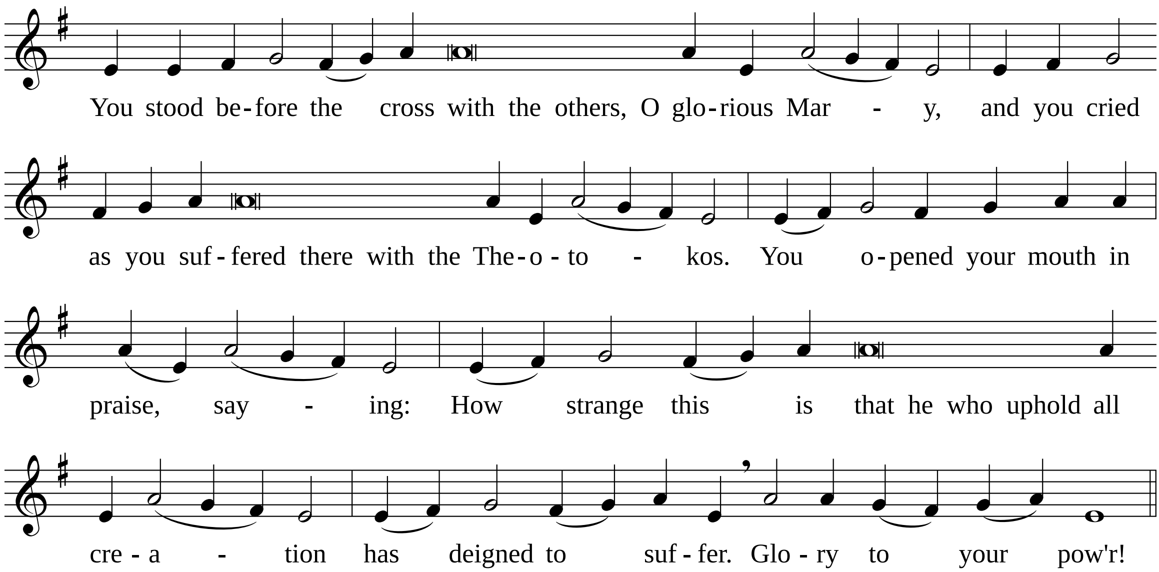


Troparion of the holy priest-martyr Phocas - *Tone 4*

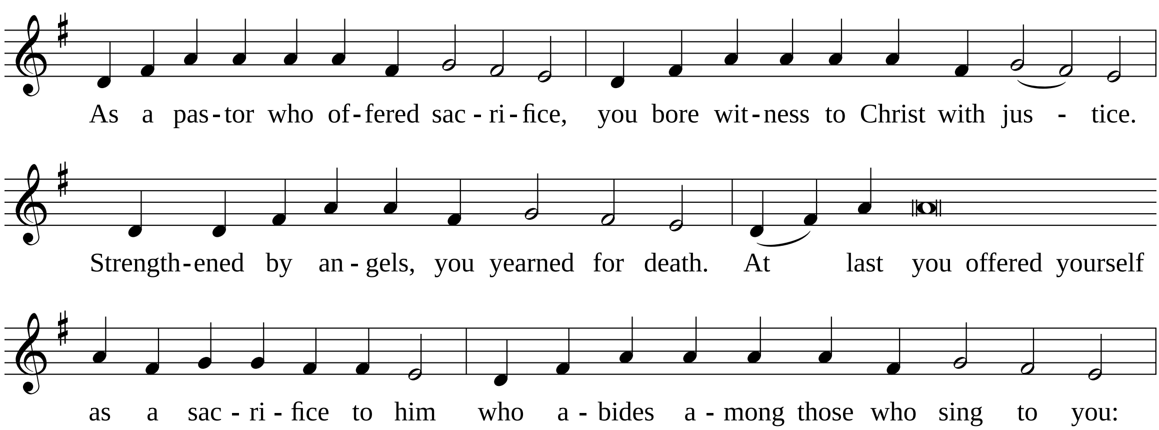




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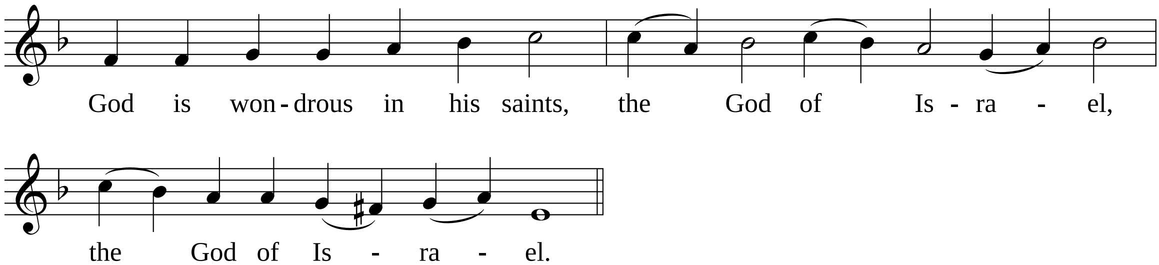


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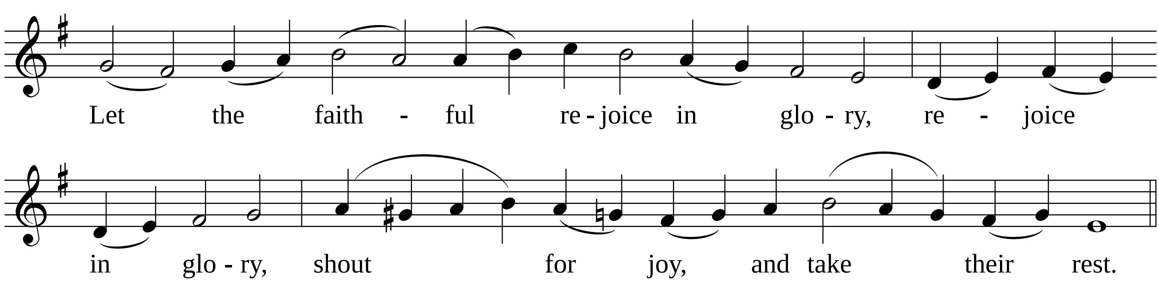


Prokeimenon of a Venerable Woman - *Tone 4* (Psalm 67:36,27):



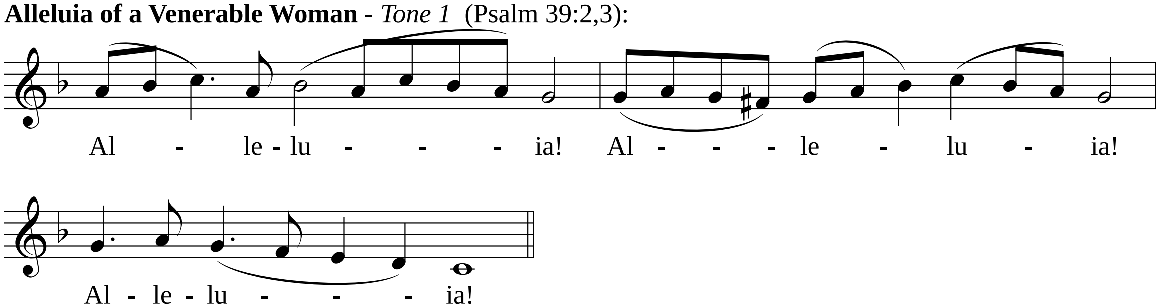
Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.

Prokeimenon of a Priest-Martyr - *Tone 7* (Psalm 149:5,1):



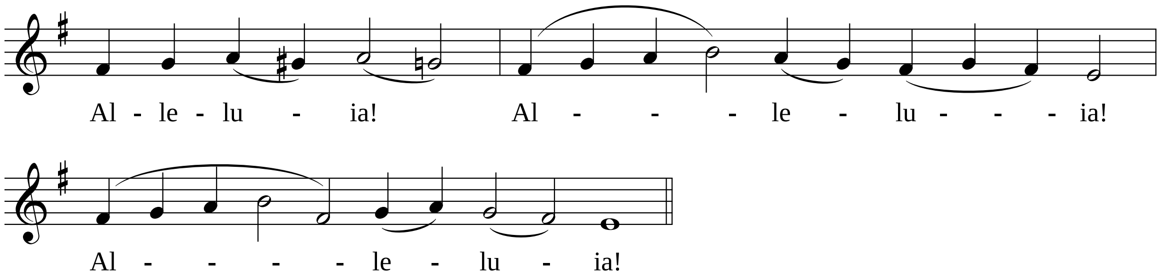
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Alleluia of a Venerable Woman - *Tone 1* (Psalm 39:2,3):



Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Alleluia of a Priest-Martyr - *Tone 2* (Psalm 131:9,13):



Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.
Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7): C



23 The holy martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus and their companions suffered martyrdom by beheading during the reign of the emperor Diocletian. (4th century)
The holy martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, bishops of Ravenna. While spreading the unsearchable riches of Christ among the nations, Appolinaris was a good pastor who went before his flock (cf John 10:4) It is said that he was decorated with the glorious honor of martyrdom at the church of Classis near Ravenna in Flaminia. He is said to have been the first bishop of Ravenna. On this day, it is said, it was commanded by God that a famous basilica be built under the name of Vitalis, bishop at Ravenna in Flaminia, in that city. Because of his undaunted faith, tenaciously held, he has been honored from time immemorial with the holy martyrs Valeria, Gervasius, Protasius and Ursicinus. (2nd century)

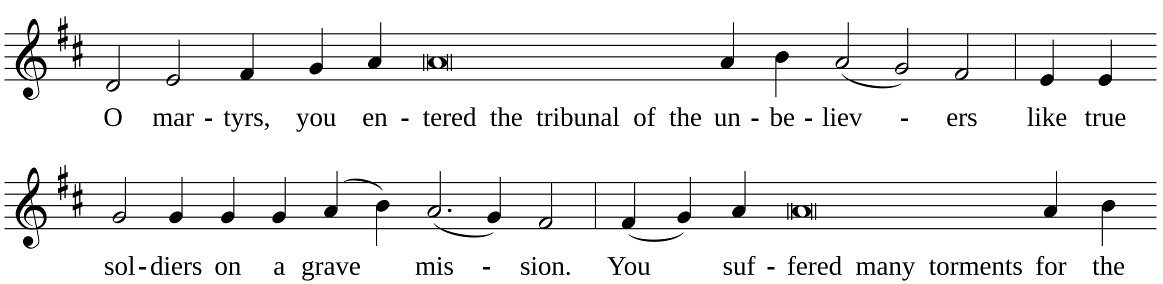
23 *(continued)* **Our holy father Sharbel (Joseph) Makhluf,** priest of the Lebanese Maronite Church. Desirous of strict solitude and a higher perfection, he withdrew from the monastery of Annaias in Lebanon to a hermitage. There he served God in the greatest austerity of life, fasting and praying to God day and night. His wonder-working is well known by the faithful. (1898)

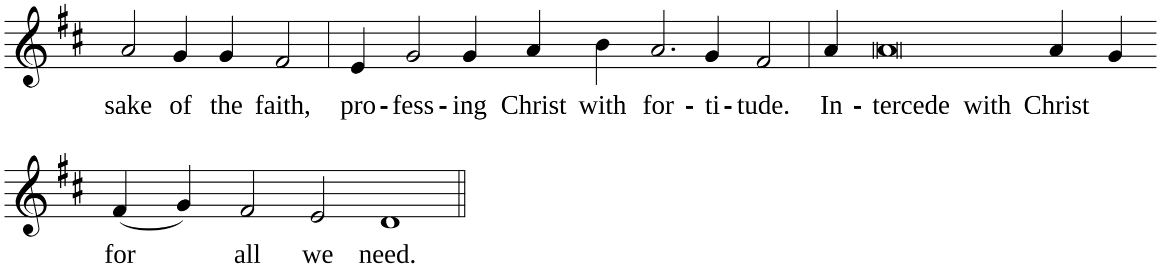
Blessed Basil Hopko, Bishop of Medila, son of Anna Petrenko and Basil Hopko, poor, landless peasants. His father died when the boy was just a year old, and when he was four his mother emigrated to the United States to look for work. Educated in Hungary, graduating with honors in 1923. Trained at the Eparchial Seminary, Prjashev, Czechoslovakia. He had dreams of joining his mother in the United States, and of persuing his vocation there, but the cost of recurring health problems left him unable to afford to travel. When he finally decided to serve in his native land, he was suddenly cured, and realized he was been given a sign about his calling. Ordained on 3 February 1929. Parish priest in Prague where he was noted for a mission to the poor, the unemployed, and to students. Taught at the Eparchial Seminary in Prjashev. Awarded the title of Monsignor in 1936. Doctor of Theology in 1940. Auxiliary bishop of Prjashev on 11 May 1947.

Arrested on 28 April 1950 as part of the Communist government's suppression of the Greek Catholic Church. He was kept on starvation rations and tortured for weeks, he was eventually given a show trial and sentenced to 15 years for the "subversive activity" of staying loyal to Rome He was repeatedly transferred from prison to prison, and continually abused. His health, physical and emotional, failed, and in 1964 he was transferred to a home for the aged and kept under guard there. Though he managed to overcome severe depression, and went on to minister to a group of 120 nuns imprisoned at the home, he never recovered his physical health.

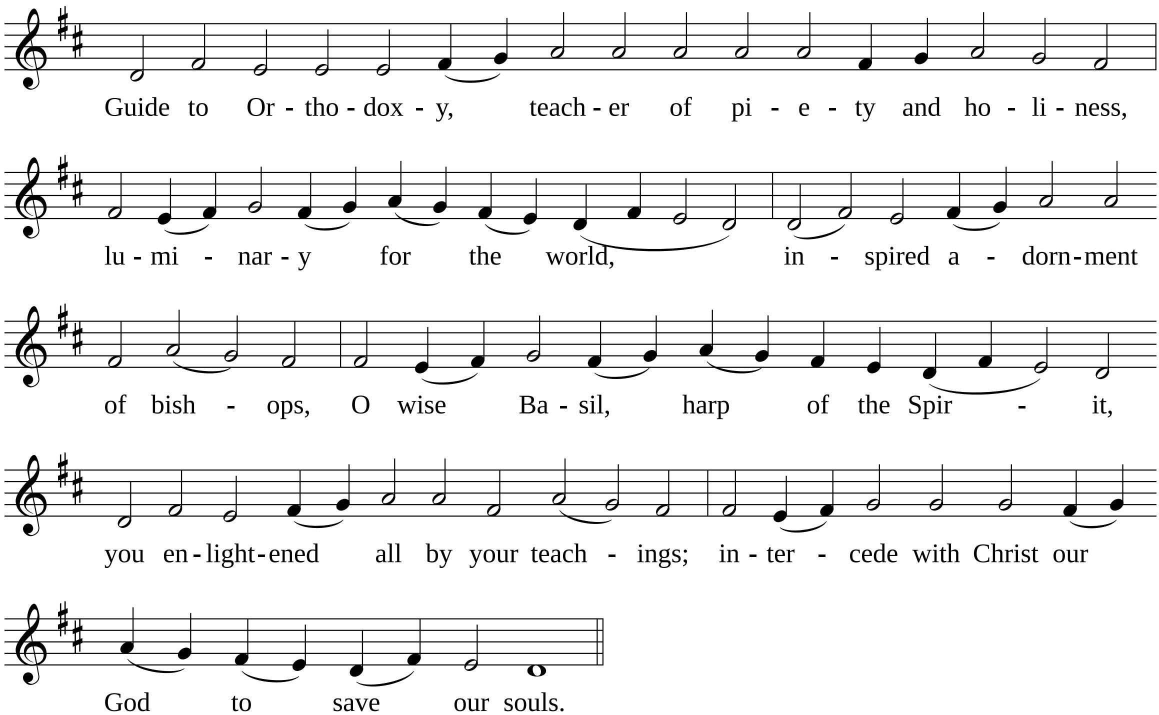
On 13 June 1968 his original eparchy was restored, but a group of activists insisted that a Slovak bishop be appointed to the see, and Basil was removed. Deep divisions occured throughout the eparchy, not all of which have yet been settled. Father Basil died without being able to resume leadership of his flock. His death was a direct result of imprisonment, and he is considered one of the many martyred by Communism.

Troparion of the Holy Martys - ***Tone 4:***



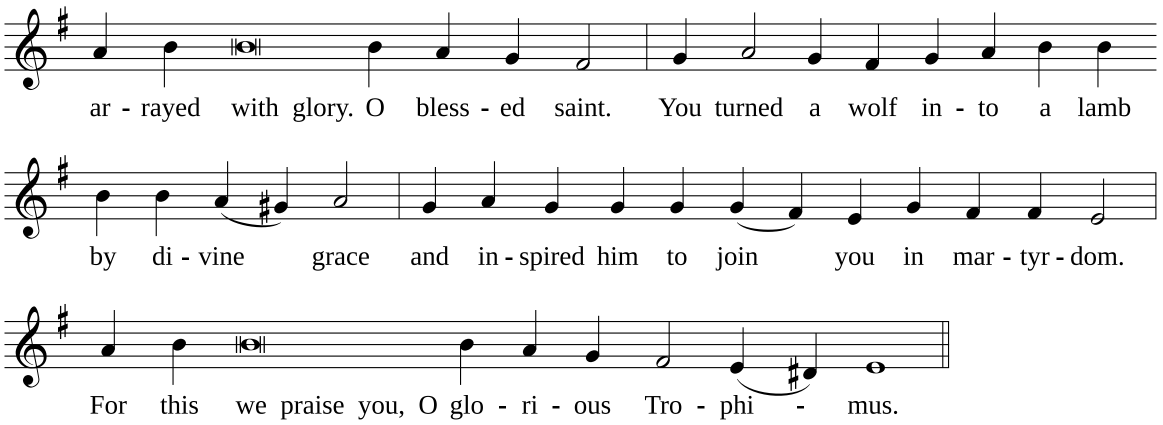


Troparion of blessed Basil - *Tone 8:*

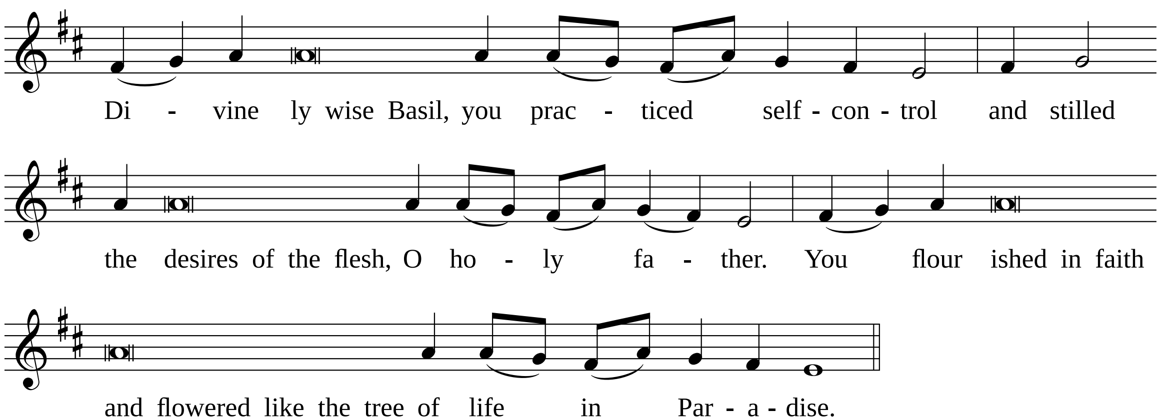


Kontakion of Trophimus - *Tone 1*

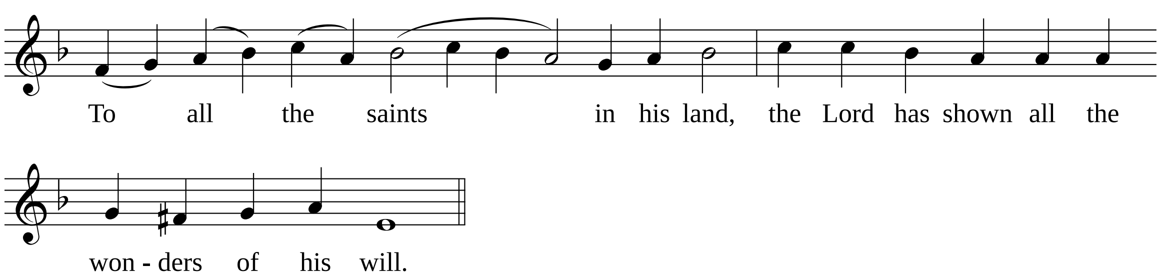




Kontakion of Basil - *Tone 2*

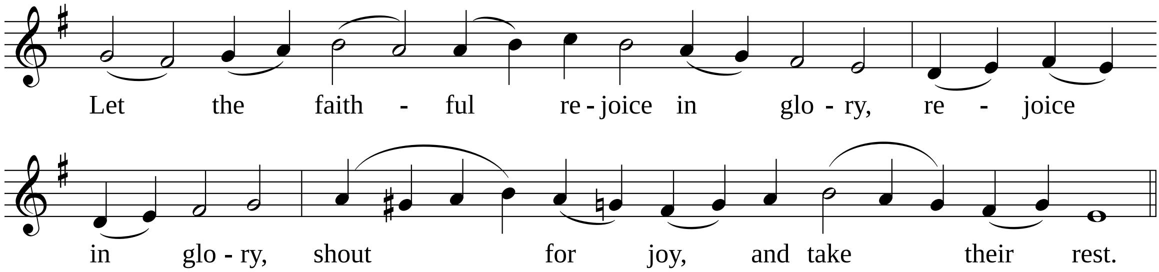


Prokeimenon for the Martyrs - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3,8):



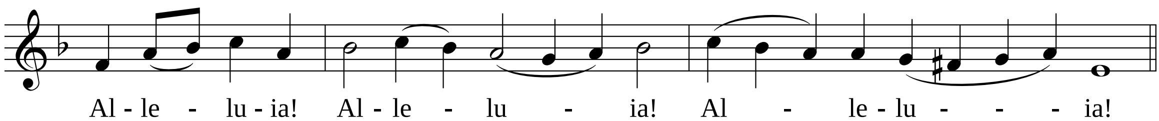
Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Prokeimenon for a Priest-Martyr - *Tone 7* (Psalm 149:5,1):



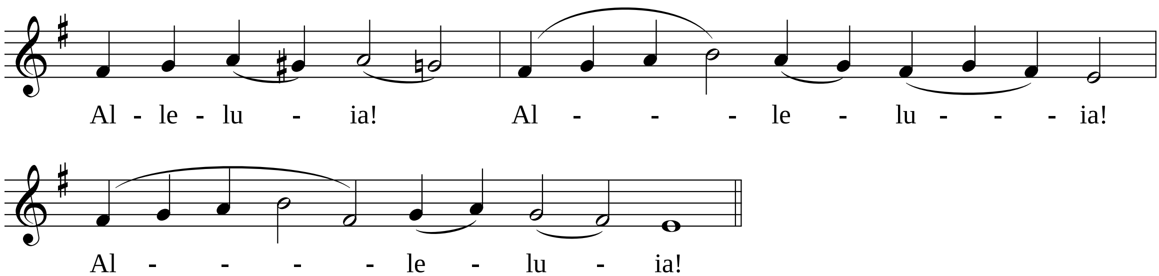
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Alleluia for the Martyrs - *Tone 4* (Psalm 33:18,20):



Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.
Verse: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

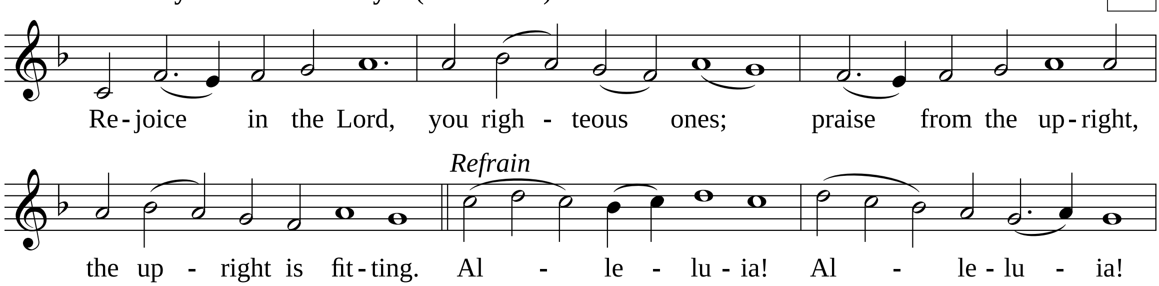
Alleluia for a Priest-Martyr - *Tone 2* (Psalm 131:9,13):

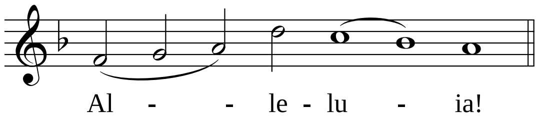


Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.
Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Communion Hymn for the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

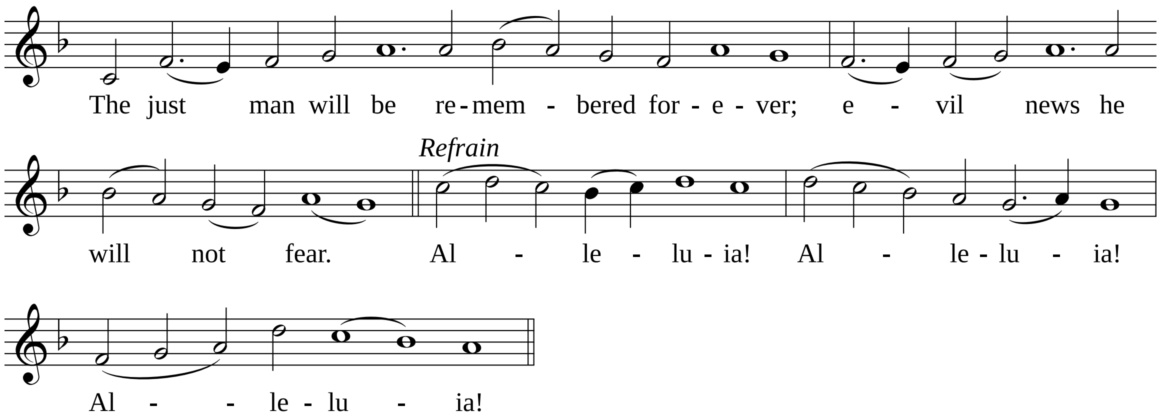
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Communion Hymn for a Priest-Martyr (Psalm 111:6,7):

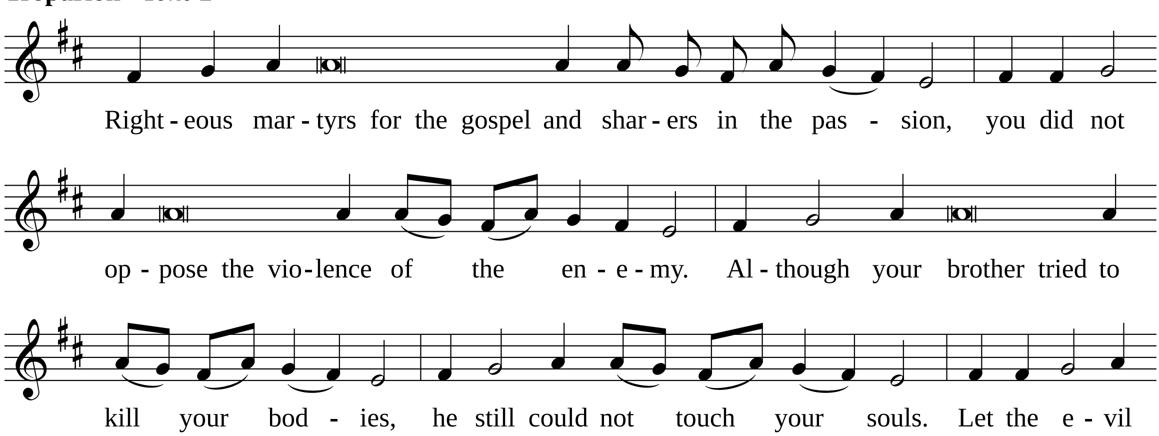
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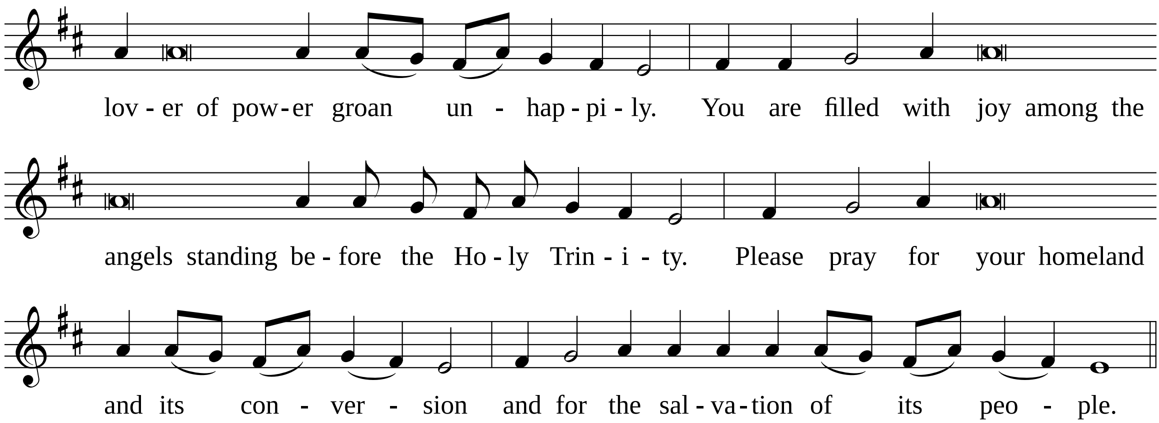


24 The holy great martyr Christine, at Volsinus [now Bolsena] in Tuscany, virgin and martyr. (c.300)

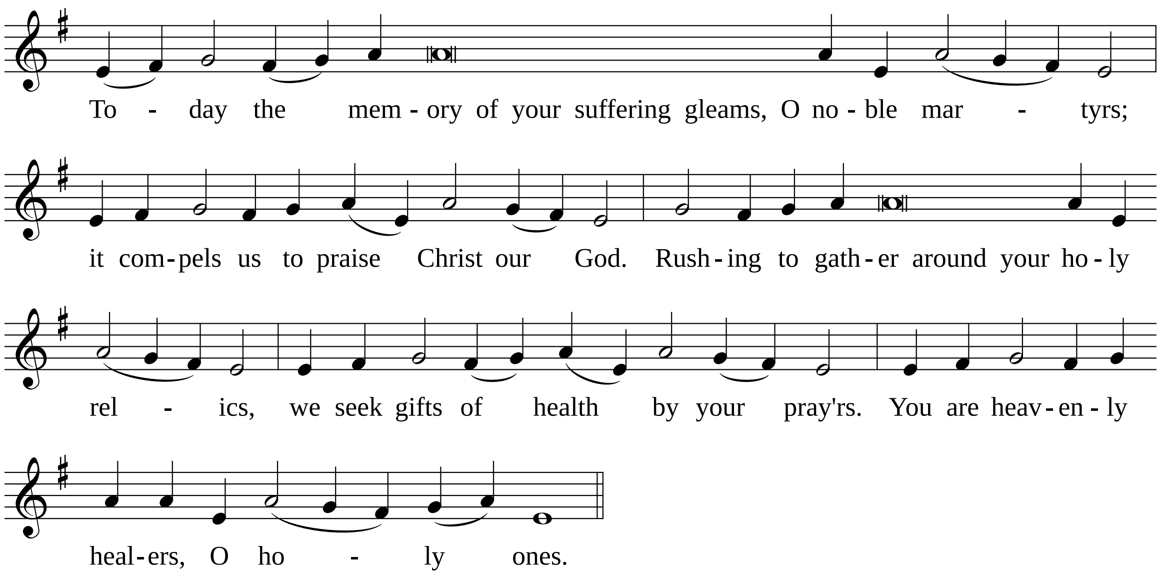
The holy martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David, who, princes of Rus' and sons of St. Vladimir the Great, preferred to suffer death than to resist their brother Svyatopolk by violence. Boris obtained the palm of martyrdom on the river Alta near Pereslavl and Gleb a short while later near Smolensk. (1015)

Troparion - *Tone 2*

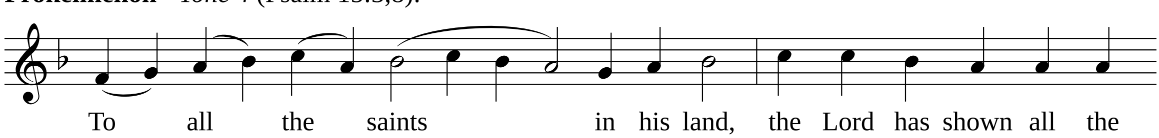


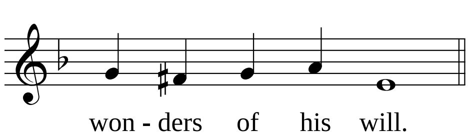


Kontakion - *Tone 3*



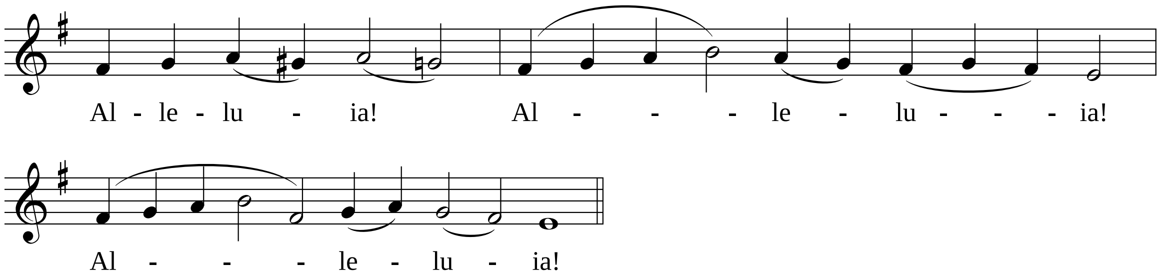
Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3,8):





Verse: I set the Lord ever before me;
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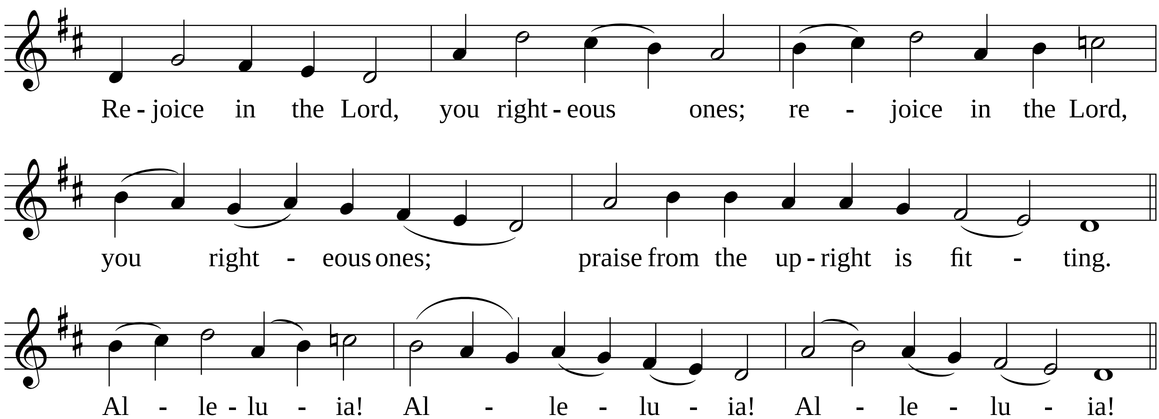
Alleluia - *Tone 2* (Psalm 132: 1, 3):



Verse: Behold, how good and how pleasant when brothers dwell in unity.
Verse: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forever.

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Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

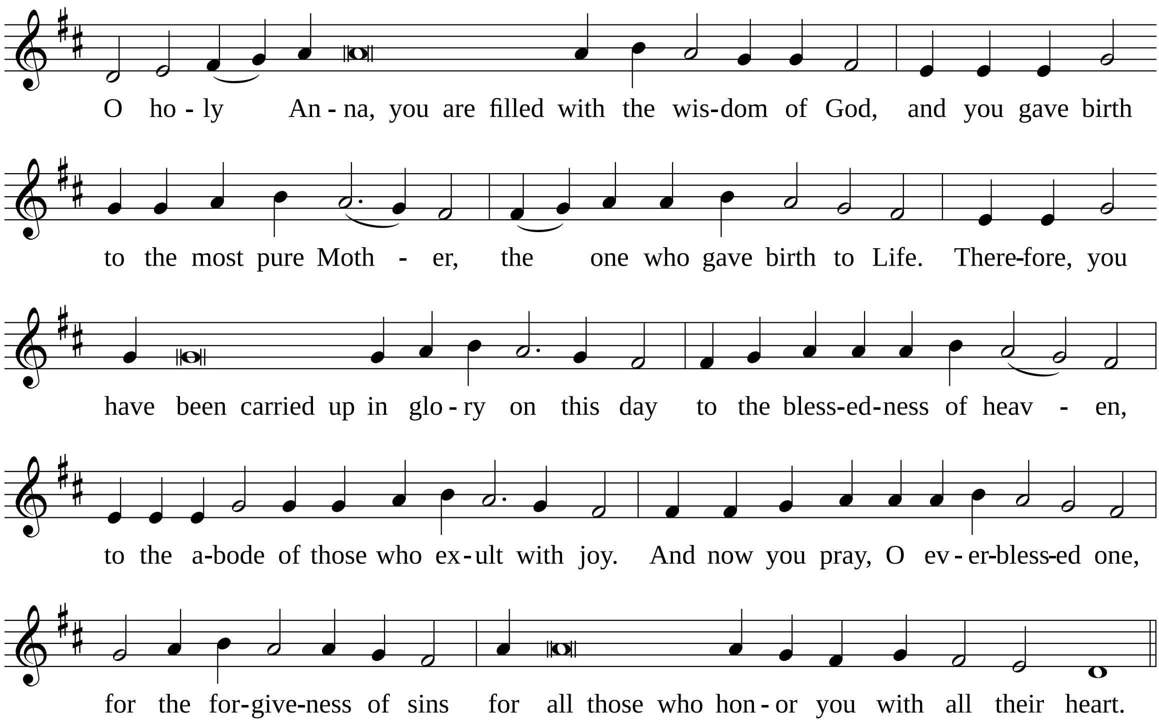


25 Dormition of the Holy Anna, mother of the Mother of God. All that we know of the mother of the Mother of God is taken from tradition, and from the apocryphal "Proto-Evangelion of James." She is also commemorated on September 9th, with her husband St. Joachim.

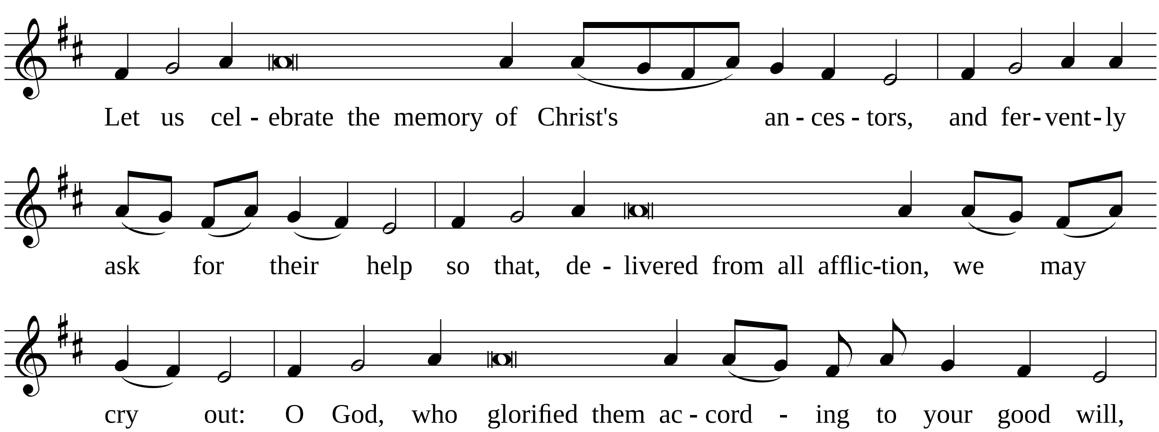
Memory of the holy women Olympiada and Euphraxia at Nicomedia in Bithynia. Olympiada was a widow who, bereft of her husband while still young, passed the remainder of her life most piously at Constantinople among women devoted to God. She was a deaconess, first in the time of Patriarch Nectarius, and then under St. John Chrysostom. She assisted the poor and was also very faithful to St. John Chrysostom in his exile. (408) Euphraxia went with her mother to Egypt, traveling around the monasteries and giving alms. She received the monastic habit and entered into deep ascetic discipline. (413)

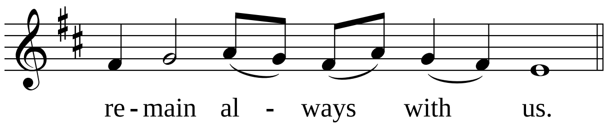
25 *(continued)* **Commemoration of the Fifth Ecumenical Council.** This council was held in Constantinople in the time of the Emperor Justinian the Great (553). All the Monophysite heresies were condemned at this council, as were the works of Origen (against the resurrection of the dead).

Troparion - *Tone 4*

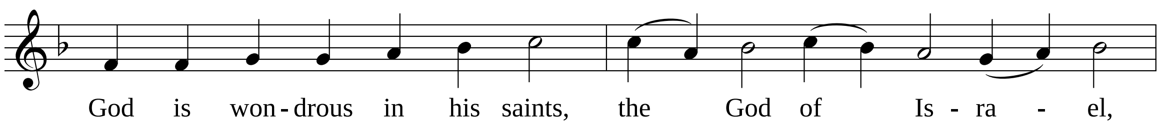


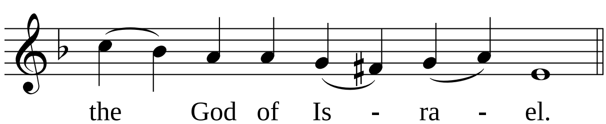
Kontakion - *Tone 2*





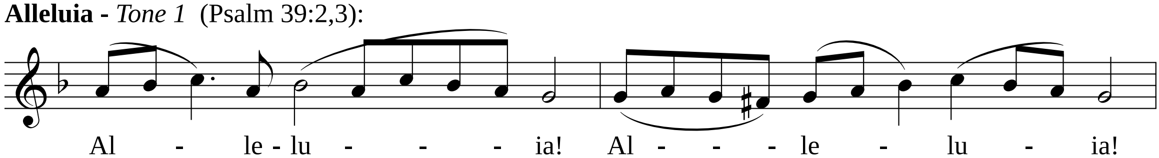
Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 67:36,27):

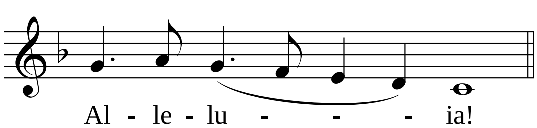




Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.

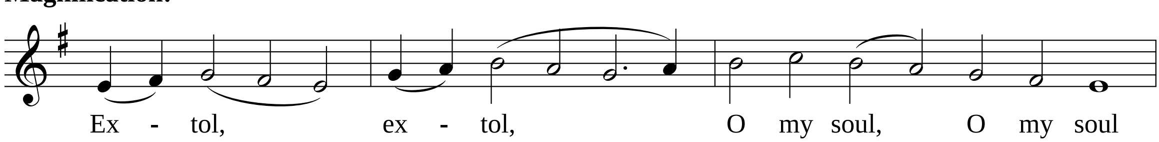
Alleluia - *Tone 1* (Psalm 39:2,3):

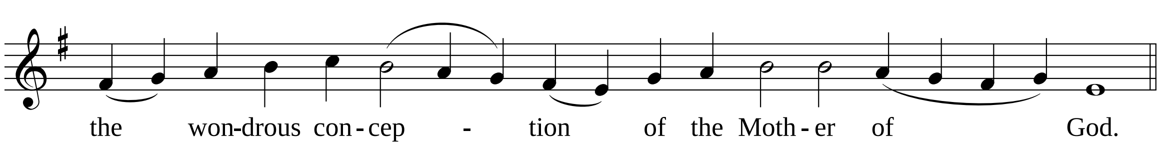




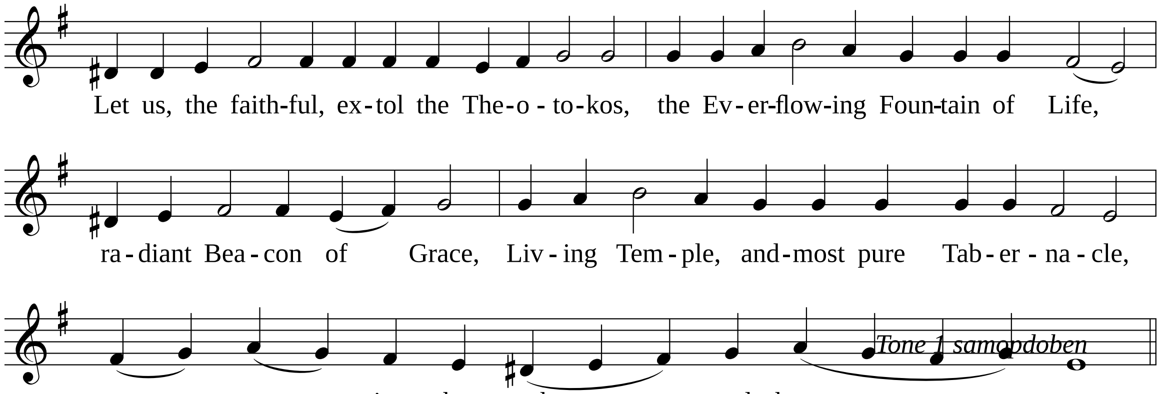
Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

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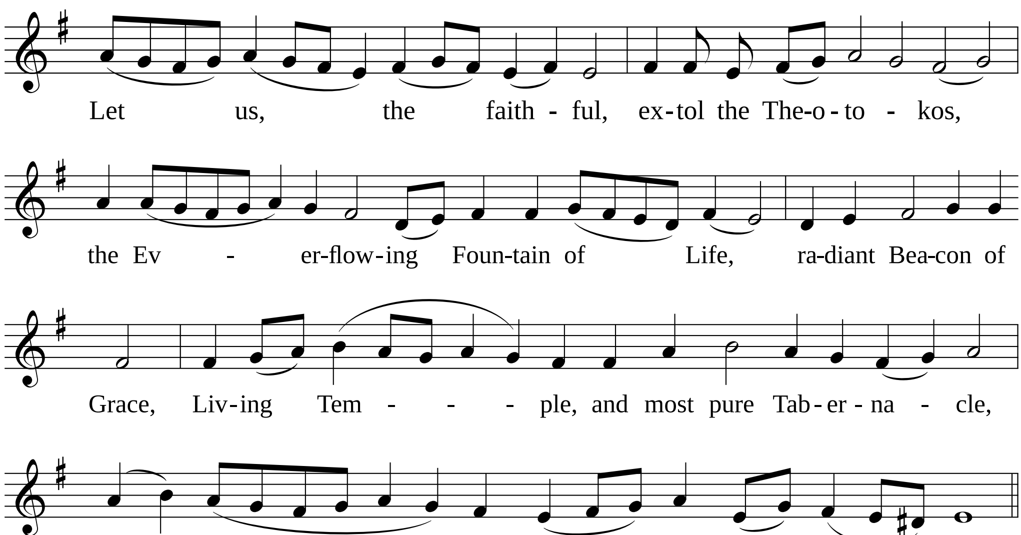


Irmos - *Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*



Or this melody:

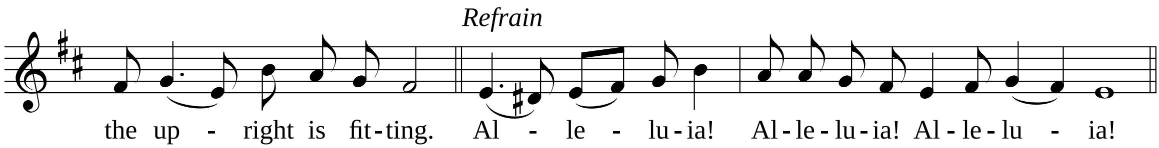
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

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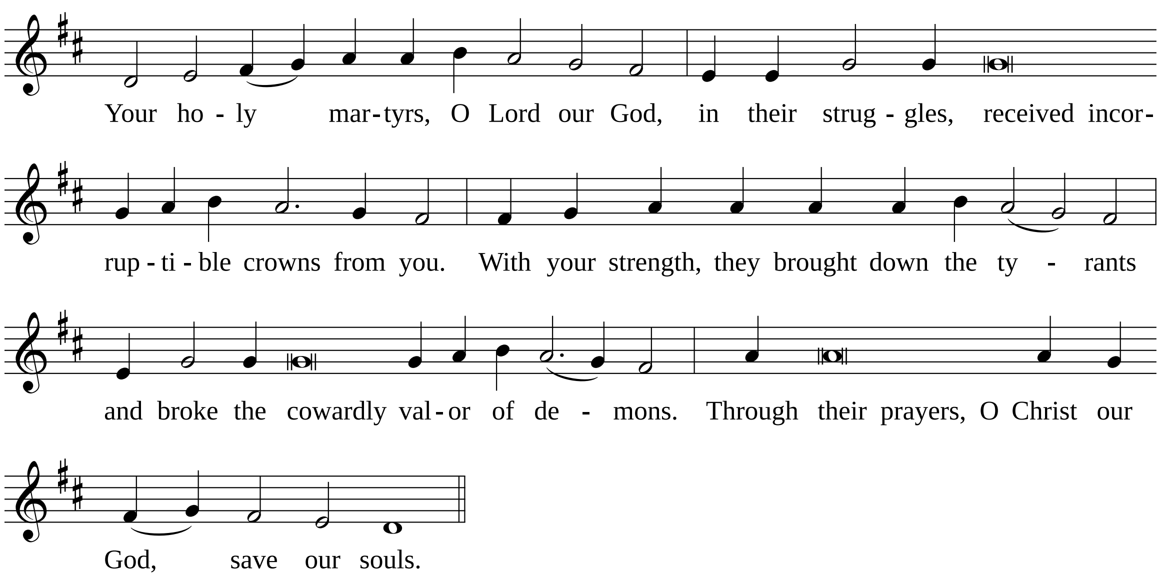


26 The holy priest-martyr Hermolaus and his companions. He was a priest in Nicomedia in the time of the Emperor Maximian, and was with the 20,000 martyrs condemed to be burned inside their church (cf Dec 28). These three priests escaped. They were all caught, tortured and martyred. (304)

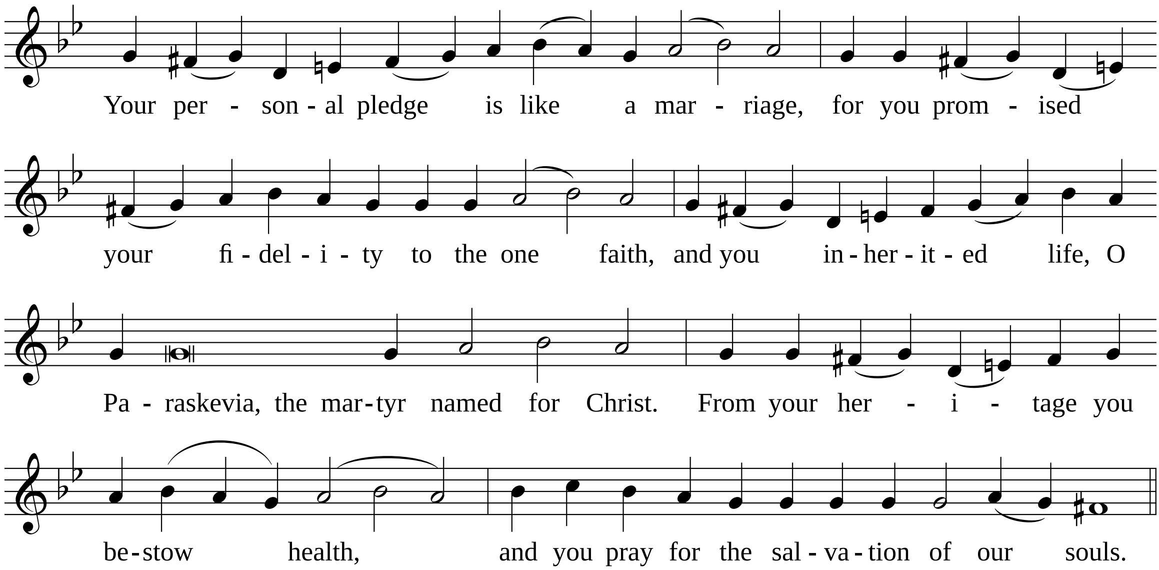
The holy venerable martyr Paraskevia. Born in Rome to Christian parents, she preached Christ even as a small child. When her parents died, she gave away all her goods to the poor and received the monastic habit. She was denounced to the emperor Anoninus Pius, and beheaded. (2nd century)

Our venerable father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves. He was at the court of Prince Boris of Russia. When Svyatopolk murdered Boris and Gleb, Moses escaped and fled to Kiev. He was enslaved and sold to King Boleslav of Poland, where he suffered much on account of his monastic commitment. He eventually returned to the Monastery of the Caves and lived for ten years in silence. (1043)

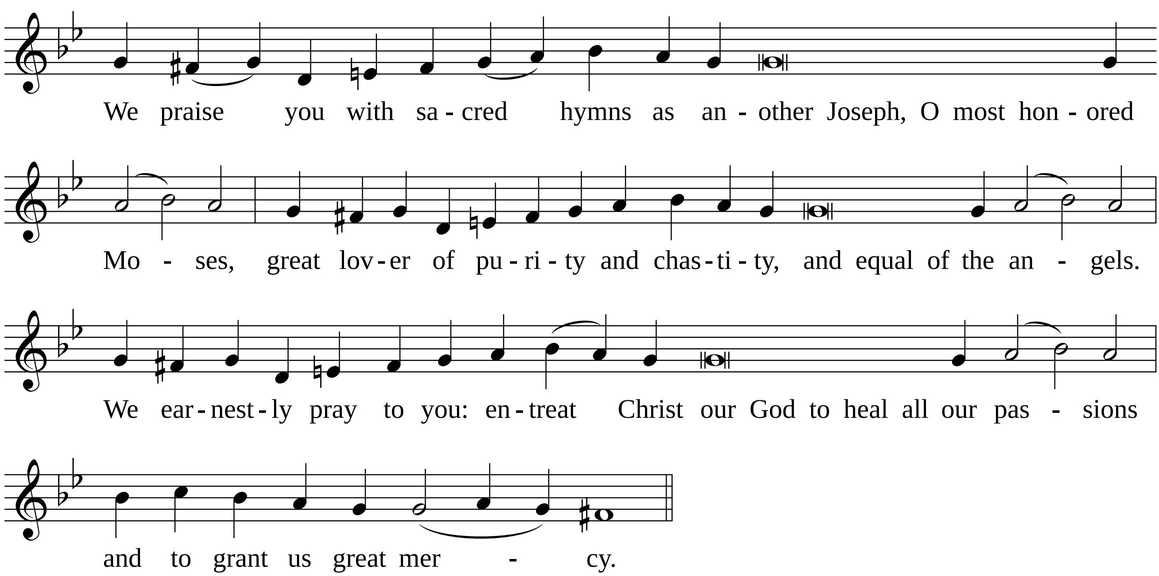
Troparion of the holy priest-martyr Hermolaus and his companions - *Tone 4*



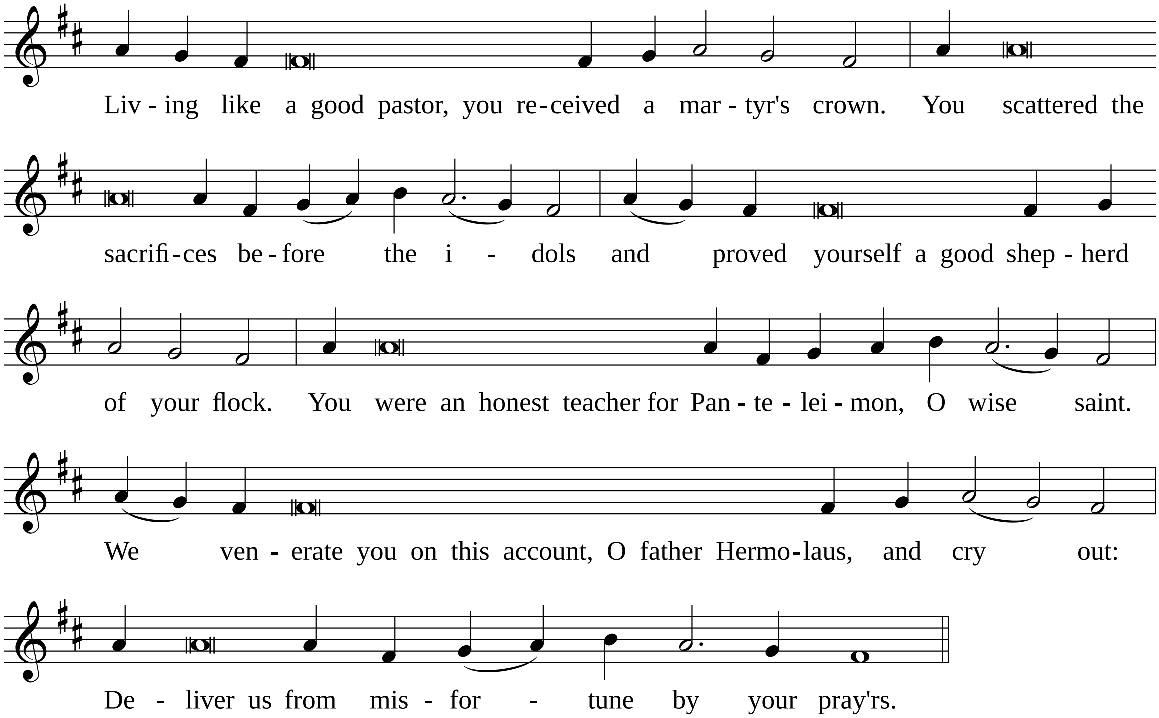
Troparion of the holy venerable martyr Paraskevia - *Tone 3*



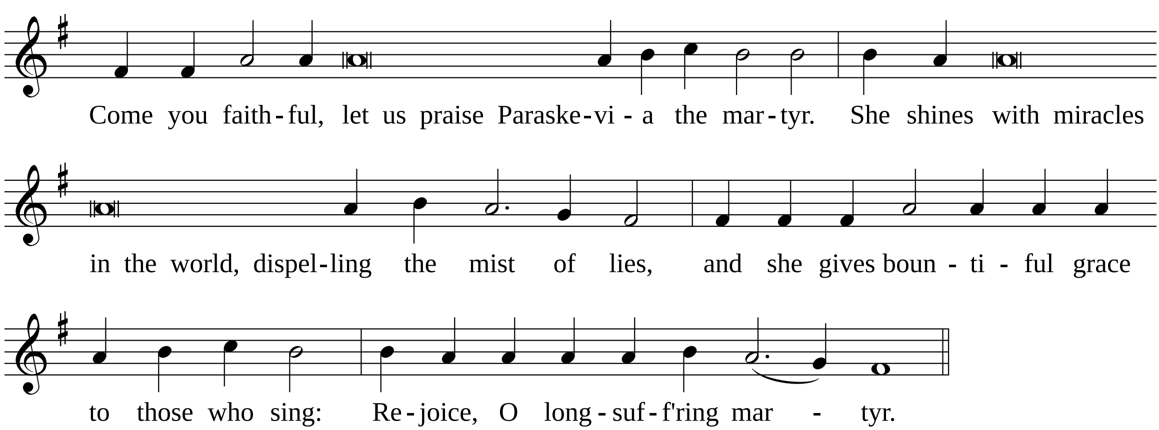
Troparion for our venerable father Moses the Carpathian - *Tone 3*



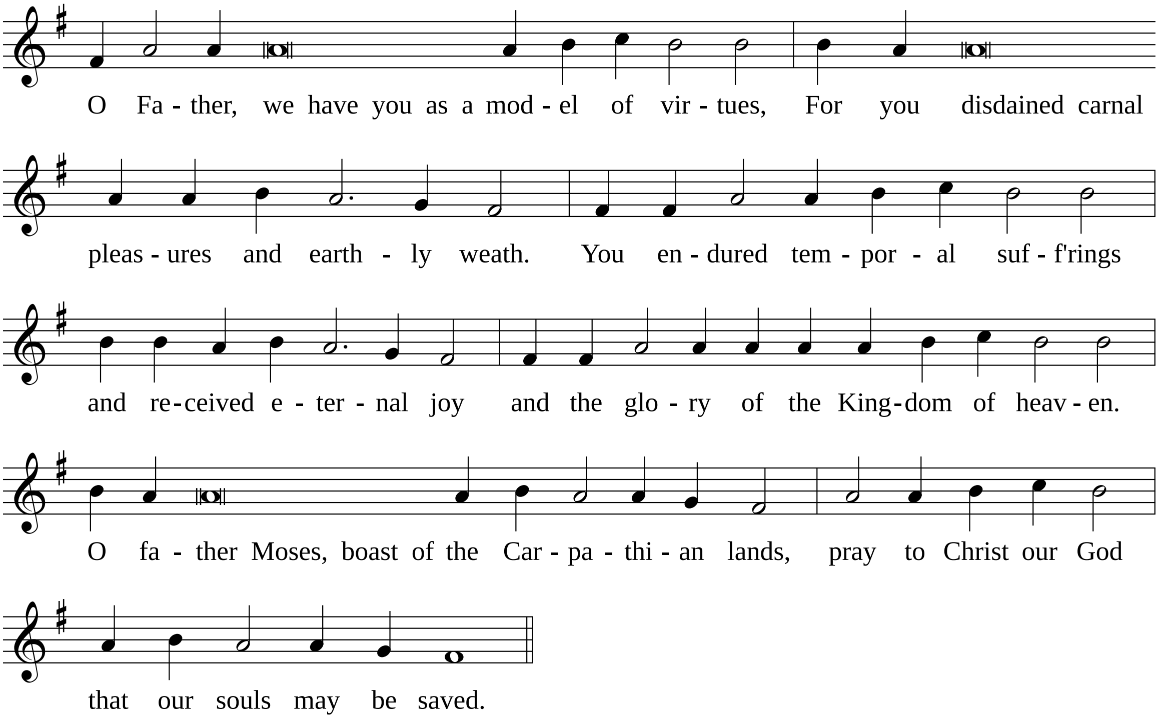
Kontakion of Hermolaus - *Tone 4*



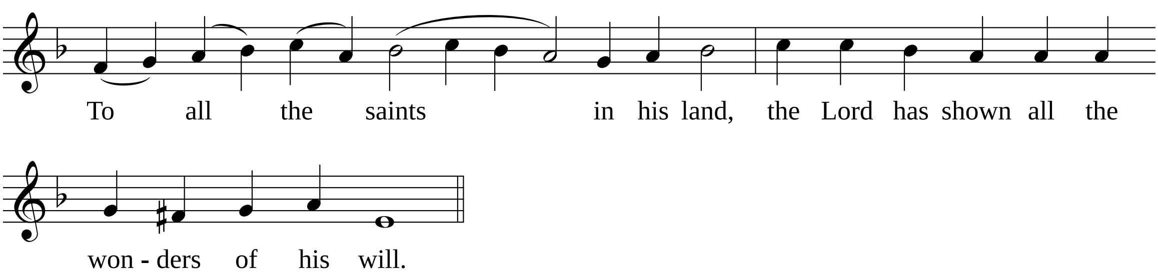
Kontakion of Paraskevia - *Tone 8*



Kontakion of Moses - *Tone 8*

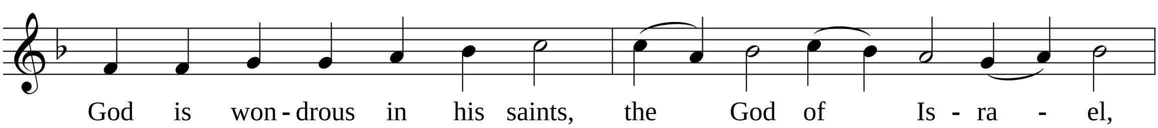


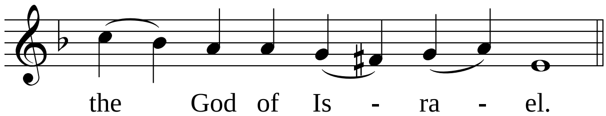
Prokeimenon for Martyrs - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3,8):



Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

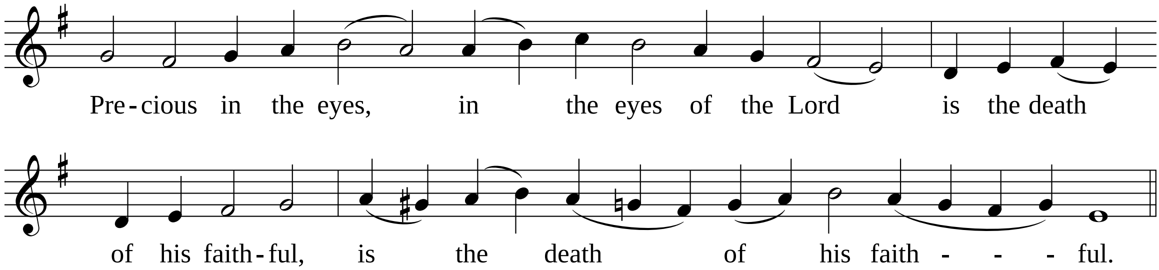
Prokeimenon for a Woman Martyr - *Tone 4* (Psalm 67:36,27):





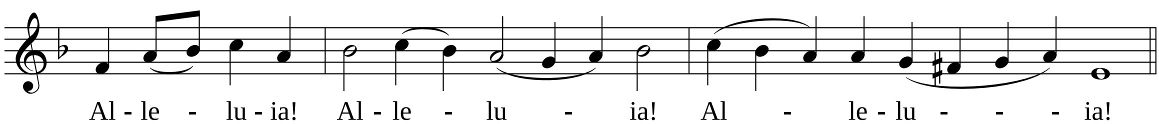
Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.

Prokeimenon for a Venerable **-** *Tone 7* (Psalm 115:6,3):



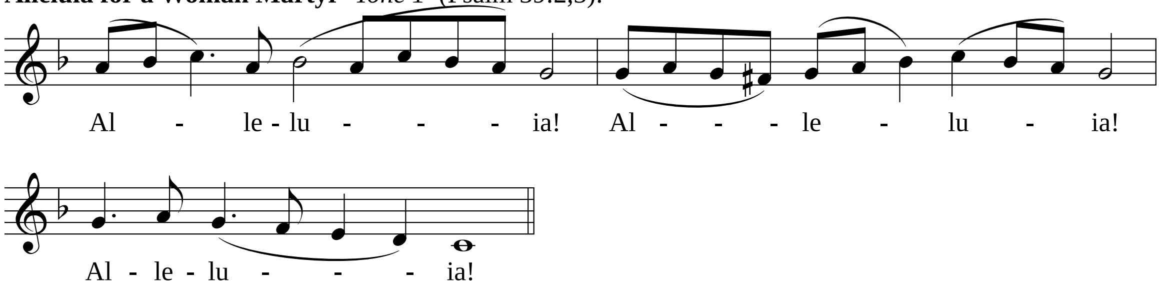
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia for Martyrs - *Tone 4* (Psalm 33:18,20):



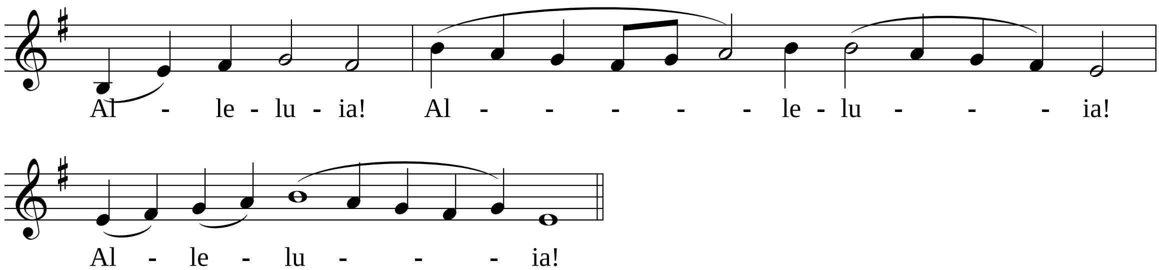
Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.
Verse: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

Alleluia for a Woman Martyr- *Tone 1* (Psalm 39:2,3):



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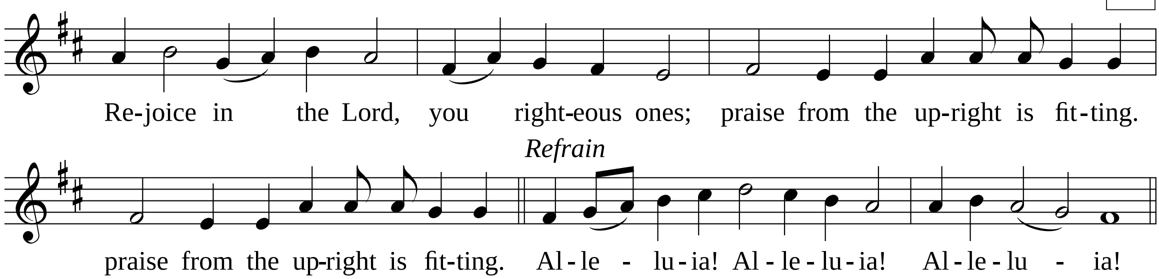
Alleluia for a Venerable - *Tone 6* (Psalm 111:1,2):



Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn for the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

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Communion Hymn for a Venerable - (Psalm 111:6,7):

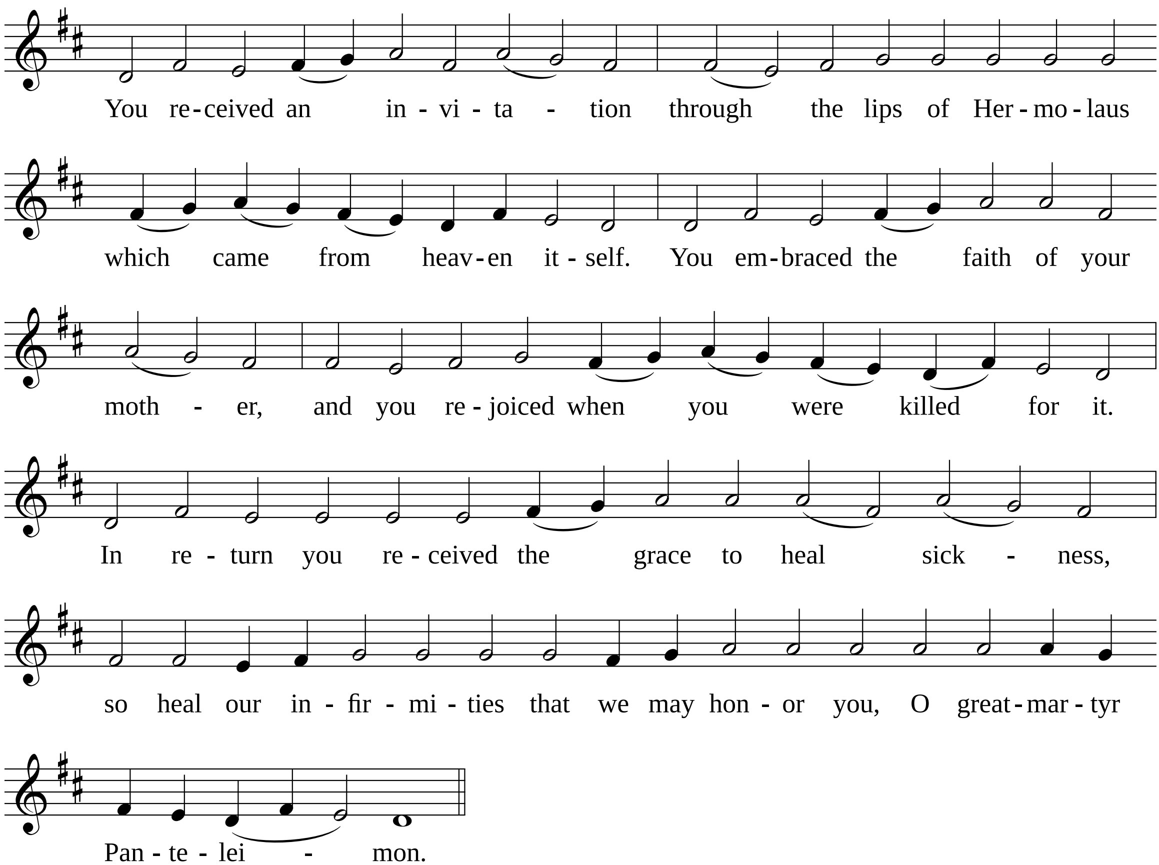
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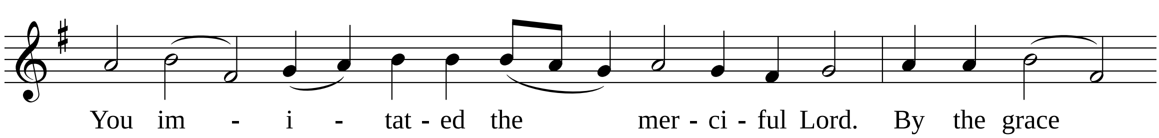
27 The holy great martyr Panteleimon (or Pantaleon) at Nicomedia in Bithynia, martyr, who is venerated in the East as a physician who exercised his craft without a fee. (304)

Memory of our holy father Clement the Wonder-worker, archbishop of Ohrid in Illyricum (modern Bulgaria). He was notable for his learning and his knowledge of the sacred scriptures, and carried the light of faith to the Bulgarian people. With him are commemorated the holy bishops Gorazd, Nahum, Sabas, and Angelarius, who continued the work of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Bulgaria. (916)

Troparion - *Tone 8:*

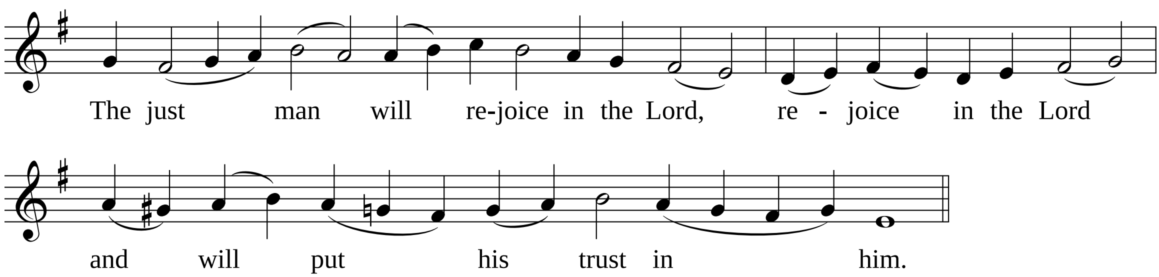


Kontakion - *Tone 5*



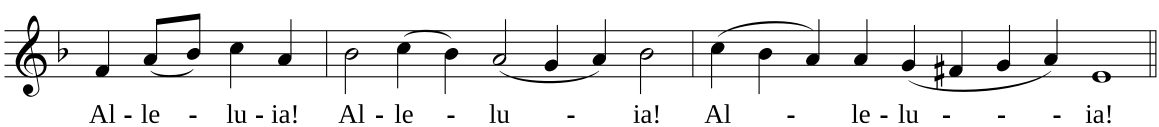


Prokeimenon - *Tone 7* (Psalm 63:11,2)



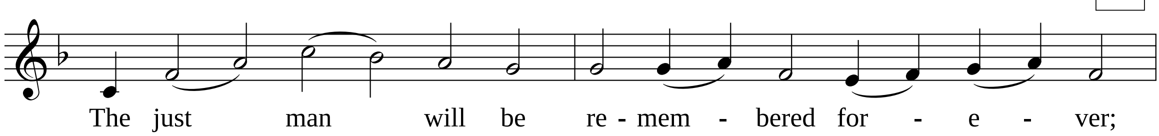
Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 91:13,14):



Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7): B

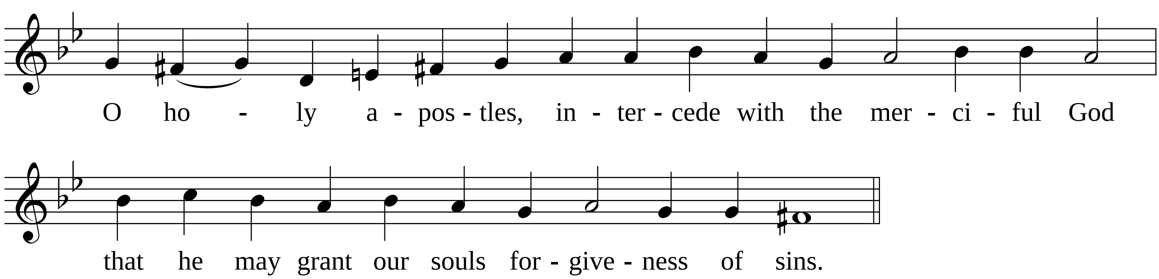




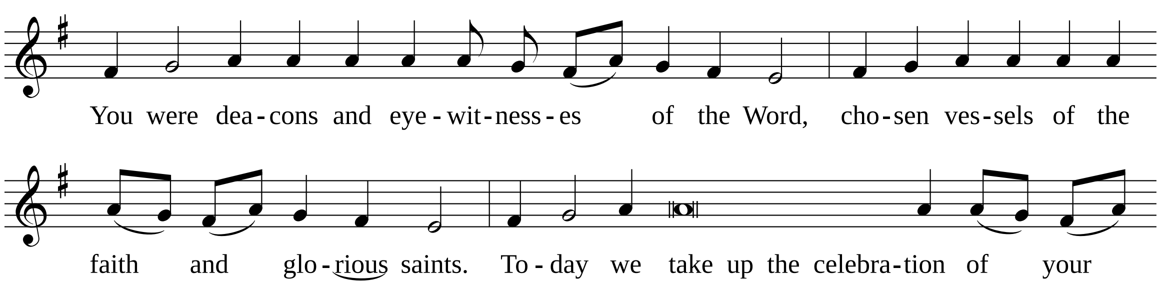
28 The holy apostles and deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas, who were of the seven chosen to be deacons in Acts 6:1ff. and there described as "full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom." The congregation of the disciples chose them, and the Apostles laid their hands on them, that they might minister in service to the needy.

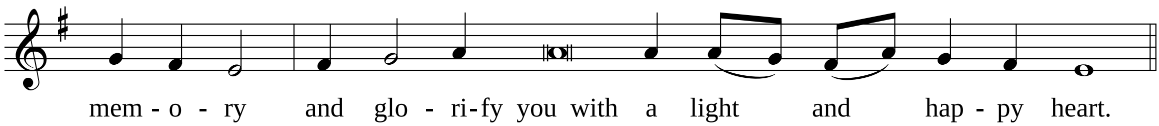
Our venerable mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu. When threatened with marriage by her parents, she placed her feet into the fire and fled to the Malabarese Poor Clares in Kerala state, India, where she offered the remainder of her life and work to God. (1946)

Troparion - *Tone 3*

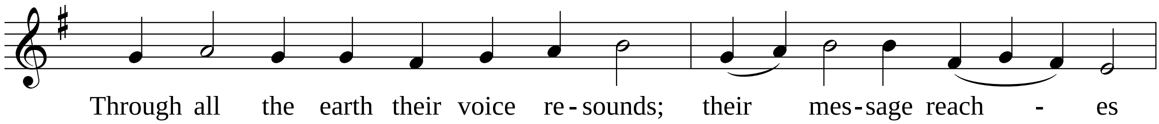


Kontakion - *Tone 2*





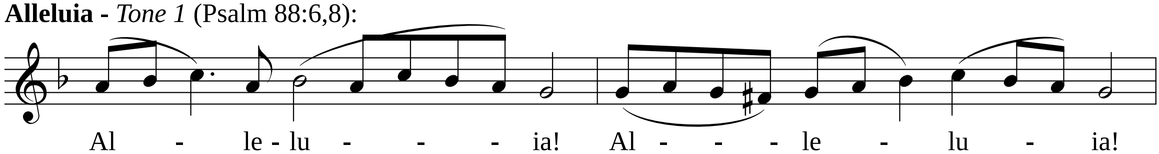
Prokeimenon - *Tone 8* (Psalm 18:5,2):

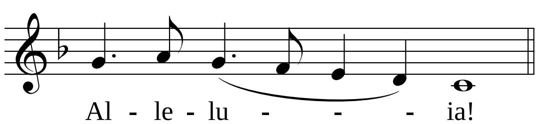




Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - *Tone 1* (Psalm 88:6,8):

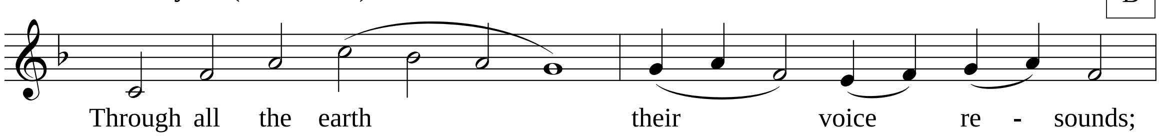


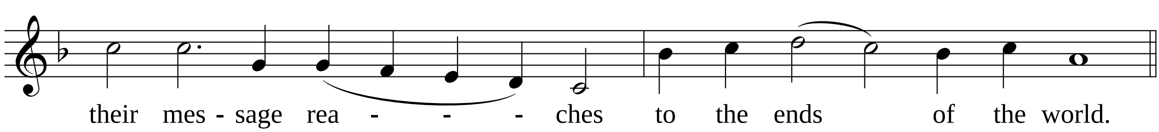


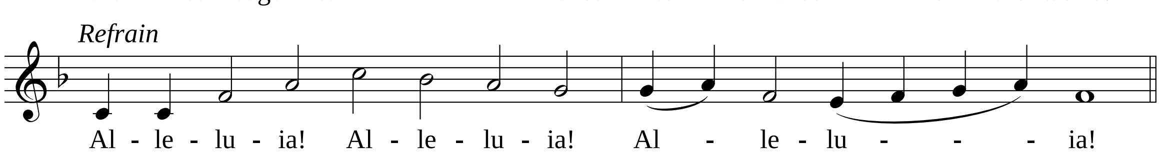
Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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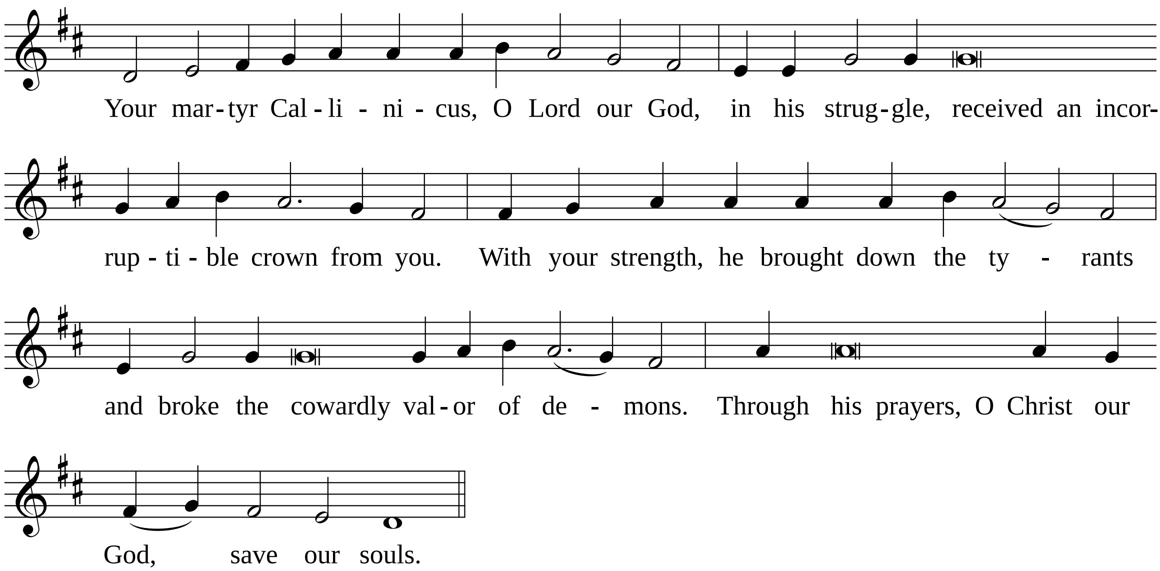




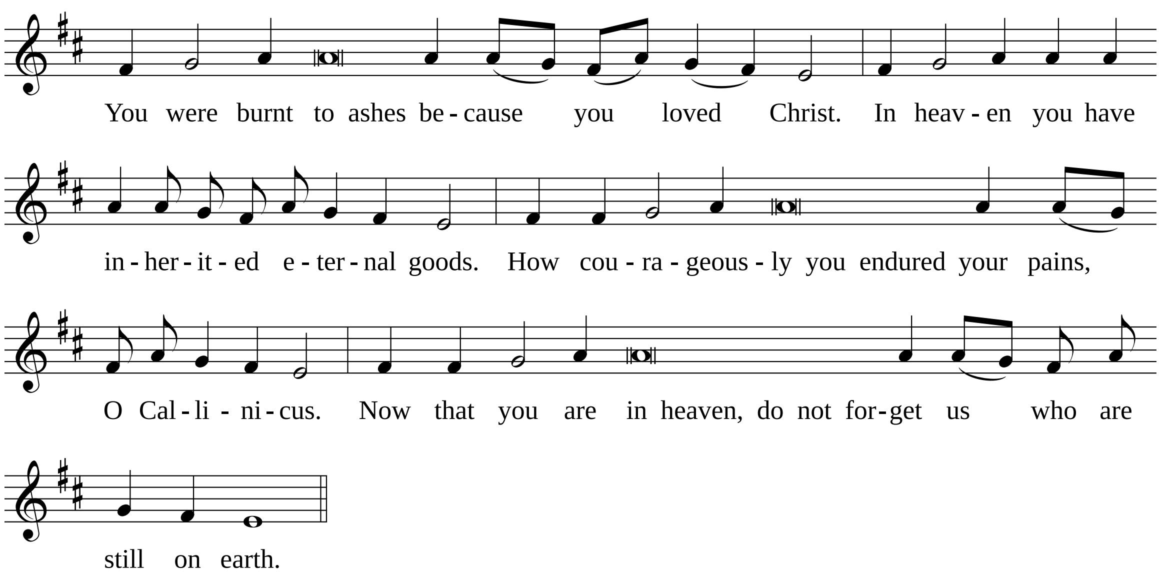


29 The holy martyr Callinicus at Gangra in Paphlagonia. He left all behind to preach the Gospel. When arrested for the sake of Christ, he testified boldly and was tortured. He was burned to death. (250)

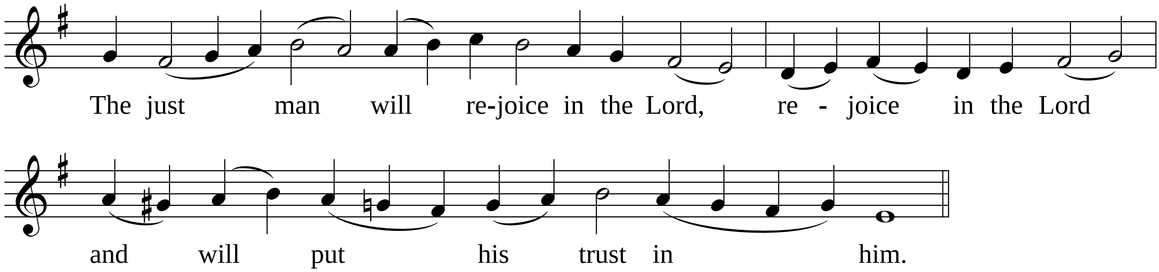
Troparion - *Tone 4*



Kontakion - *Tone 2*

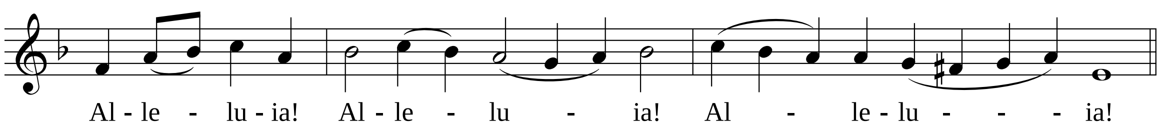


Prokeimenon - *Tone 7* (Psalm 63:11,2)



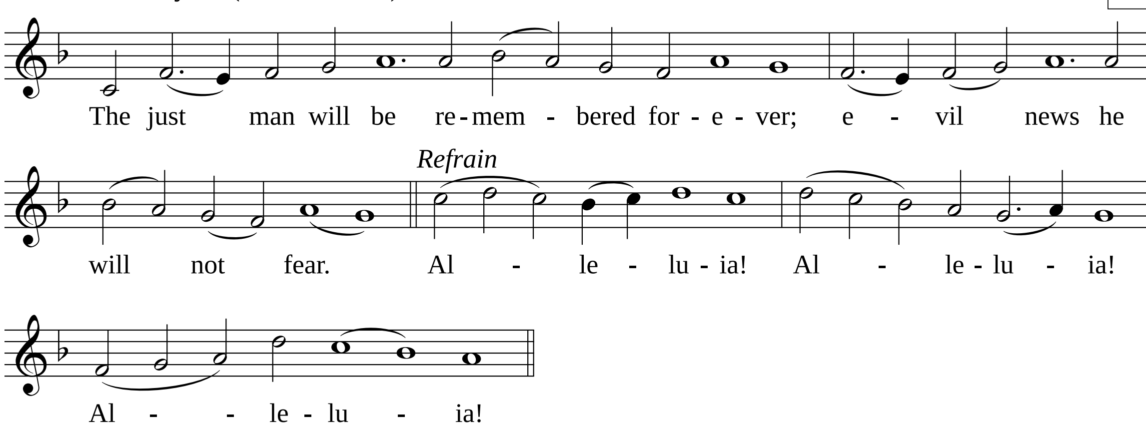
Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 91:13,14):



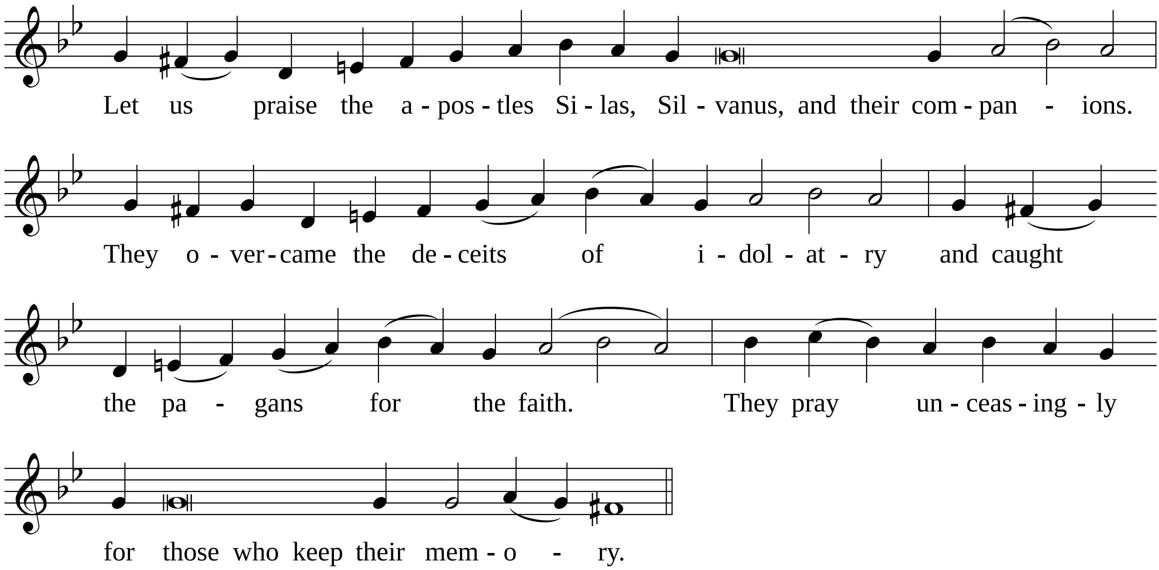
Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7): D

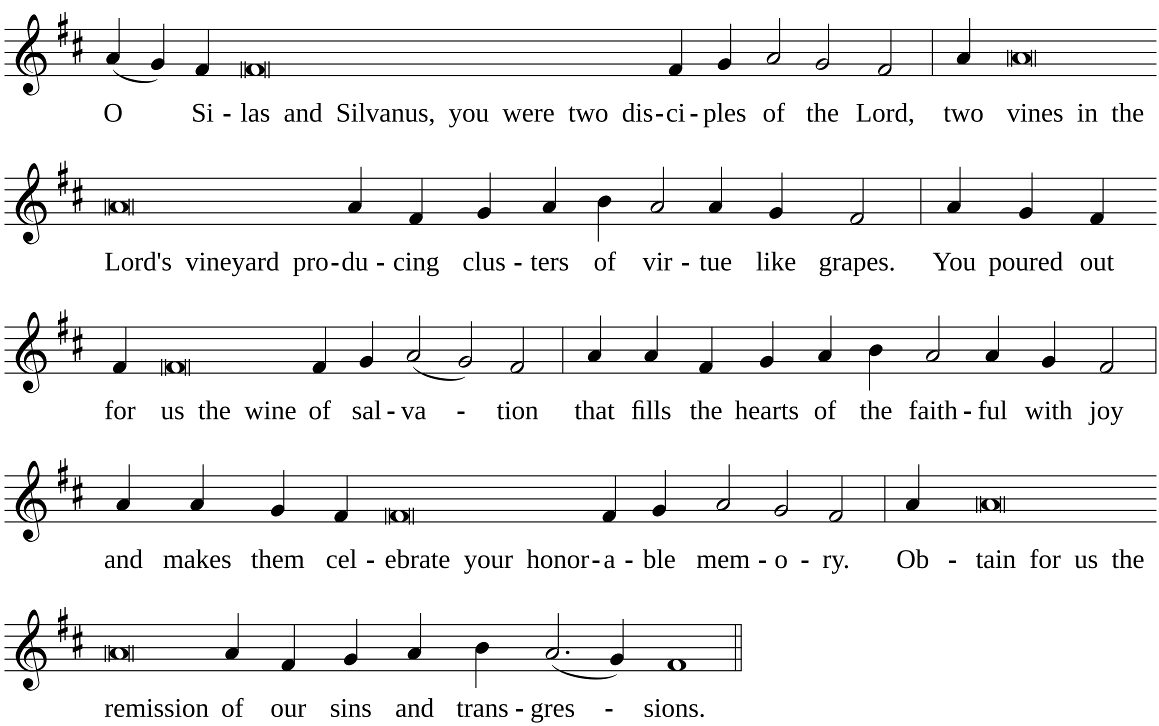


30 The holy apostles Silas and Silvanus and their companions. Silas was sent by the apostles to the Churches of the gentiles together with Saints Paul and Barnabas. He earnestly fulfilled the office of preaching, full of the grace of God. (Acts 15:22) Silvanus helped both Peter and Paul (I Peter 5:12; II Corinthians 1:19), and became the first bishop of Salonica. Crescens was a fellow-worker with St. Paul (II Tim. 4:10) and then bishop in Galatia and missionary in Gaul. Epaenetus is mentioned by Paul (Rom. 16:7) and became bishop of Carthage.

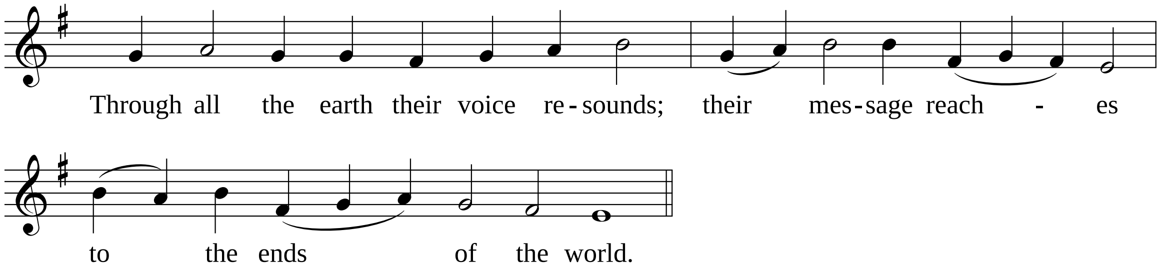
Troparion - *Tone 3*



Kontakion - *Tone 4*

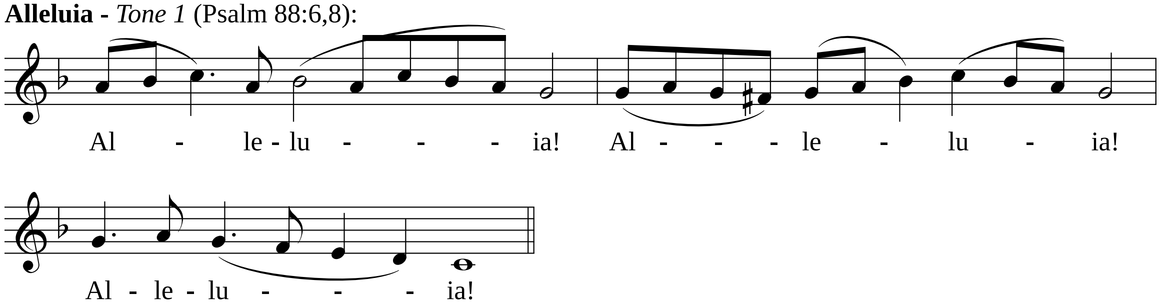


Prokeimenon - *Tone 8* (Psalm 18:5,2):



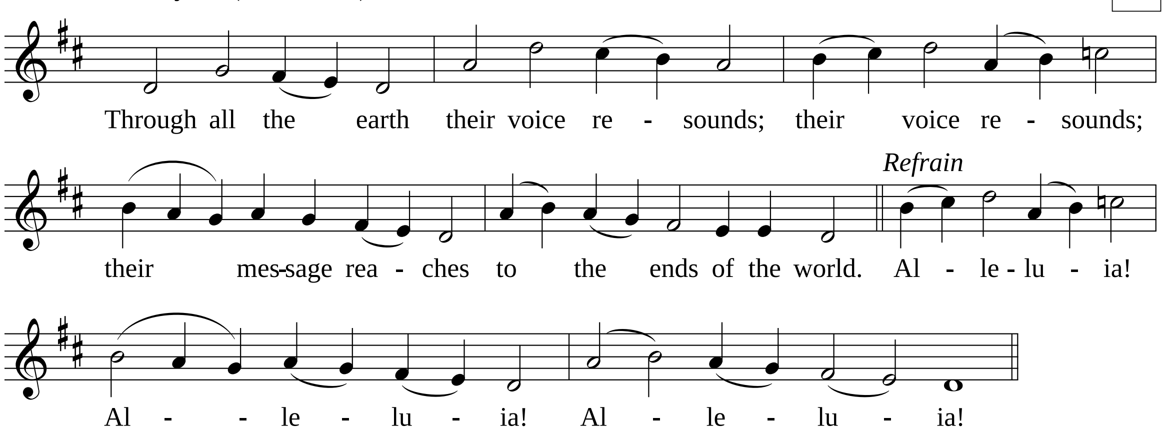
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - *Tone 1* (Psalm 88:6,8):



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Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5): E

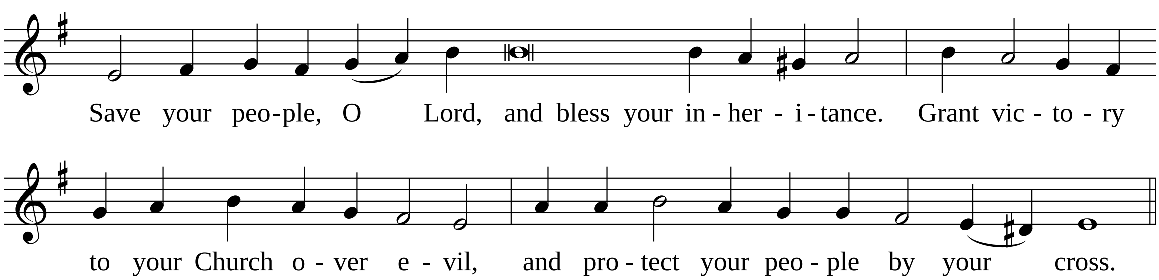


31 Prefestive: Procession of the Venerable Cross.

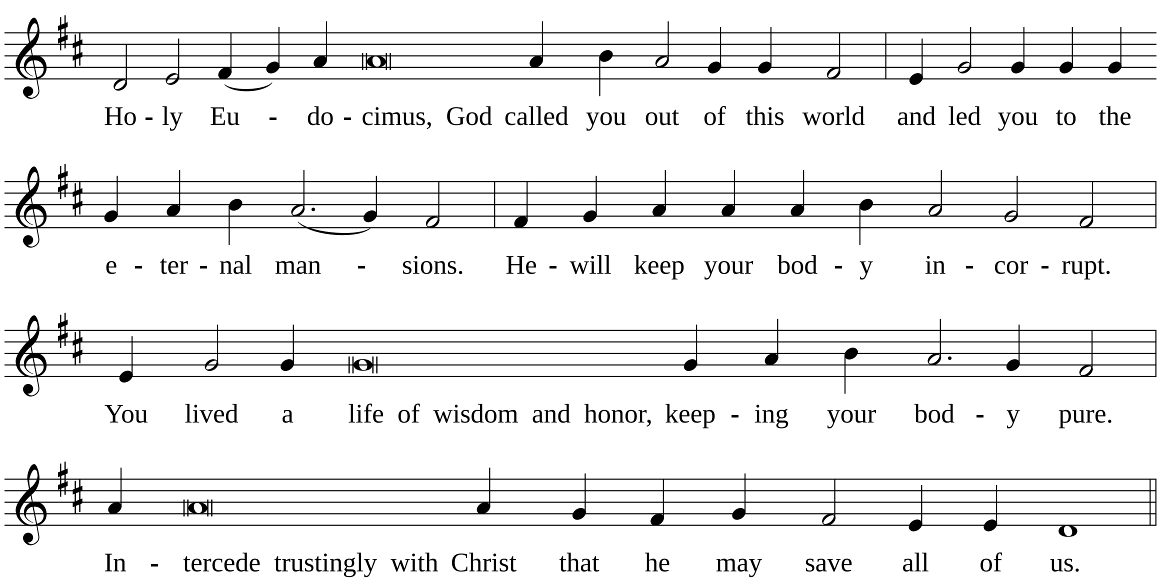
The holy and righteous Eudocimus, who lived in the time of the emperor Theophilus, the iconoclast. He was the military governor of Cappadocia, and lived a virtuous life before God and man. He died at the age of thirty-three. (9th century)

The holy Joseph of Arimathea. Noble Joseph, a rich man and member of the Jewish Sanhedrin, was a secret follower of Chirst (Matt.27:57; Jn. 19:38). He took Christ's body down from the tomb with Nicodemus, and laid it in his own new tomb. The risen Lord appeared to him and brought him to faith in the Resurrection. He traveled far, preaching the Gospel, and took it to England, where he died. (1st century)

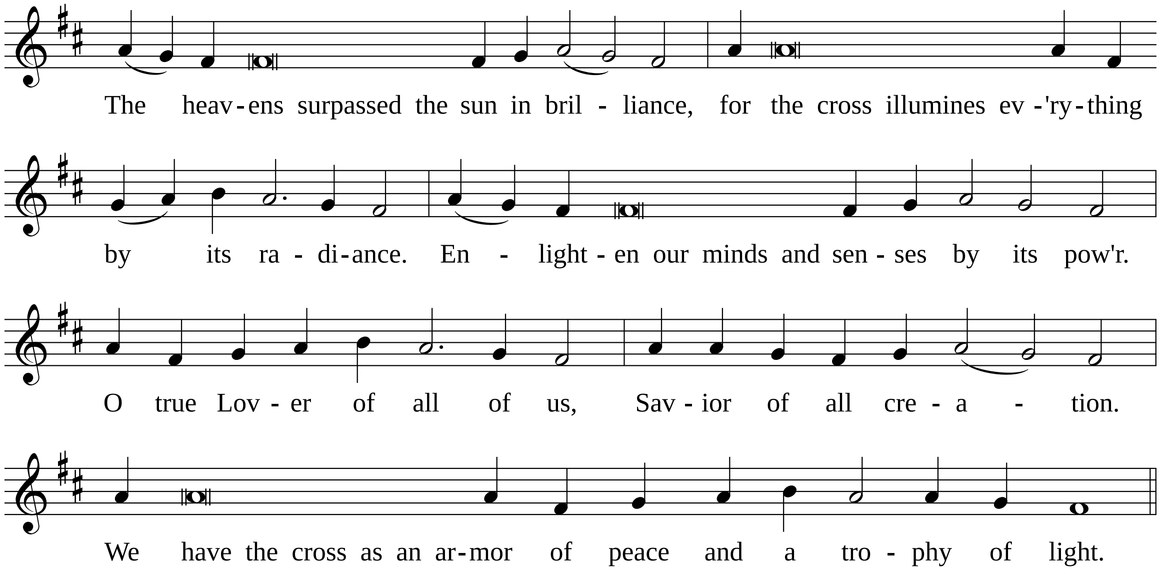
Troparion of the Cross - *Tone 1*



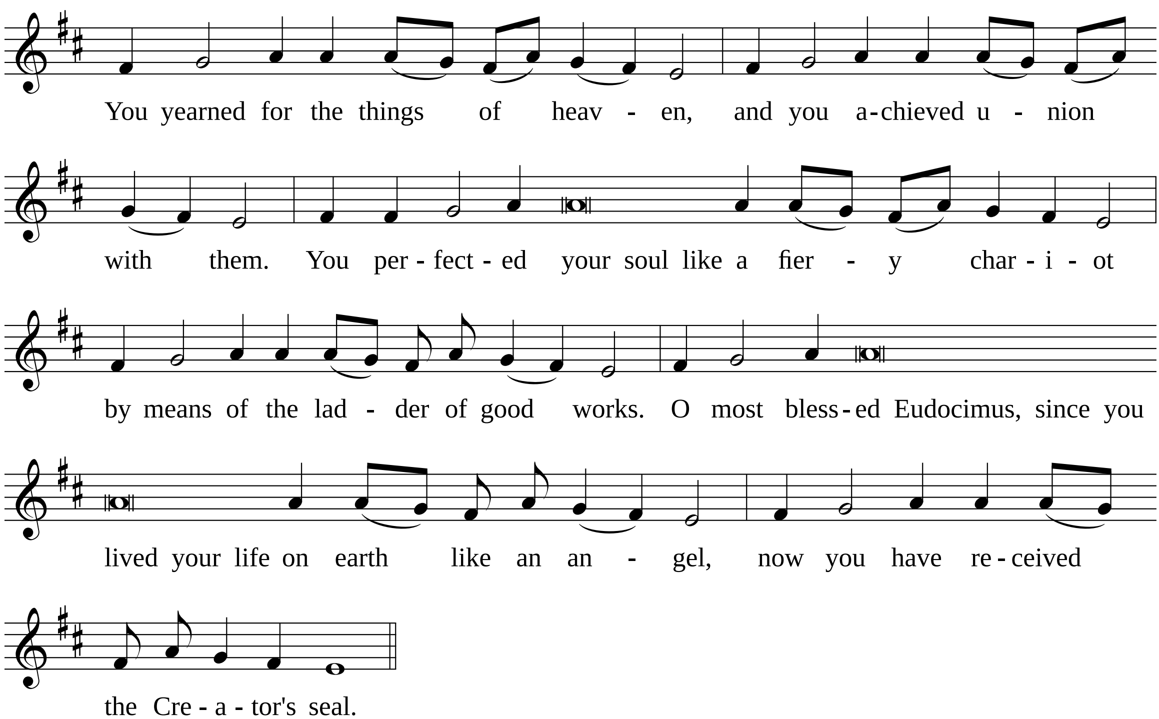
Troparion of our venerable father Eudocimus - *Tone 4*



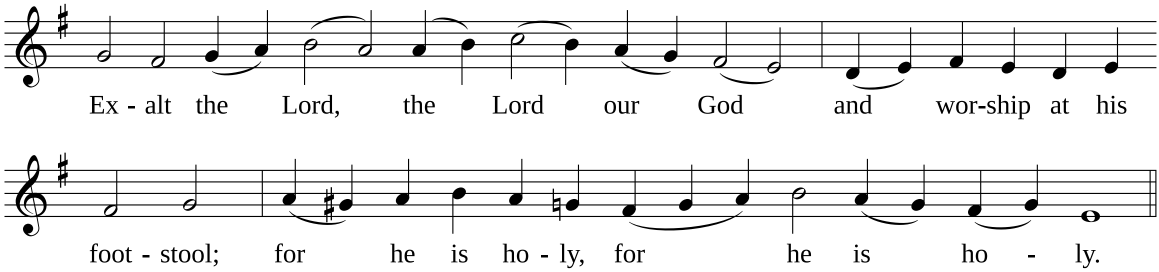
Kontakion of the Cross - *Tone 4*



Kontakion of Eudocimus - *Tone 2*

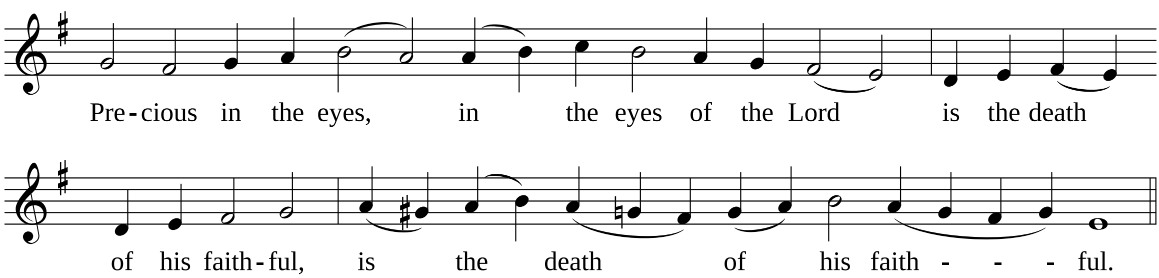


Prokeimenon of the Cross - *Tone 7* (Psalm 98:5,1):



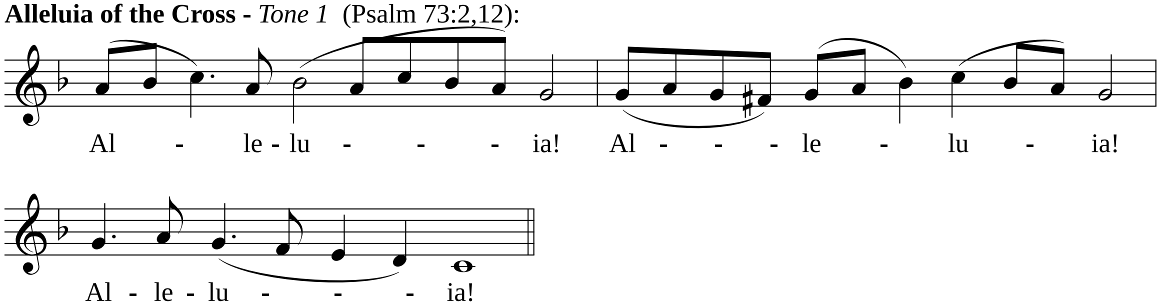
Verse: The Lord is King; let the peoples rage.

Prokeimenon of a Venerable - *Tone 7* (Psalm 115:6,3)



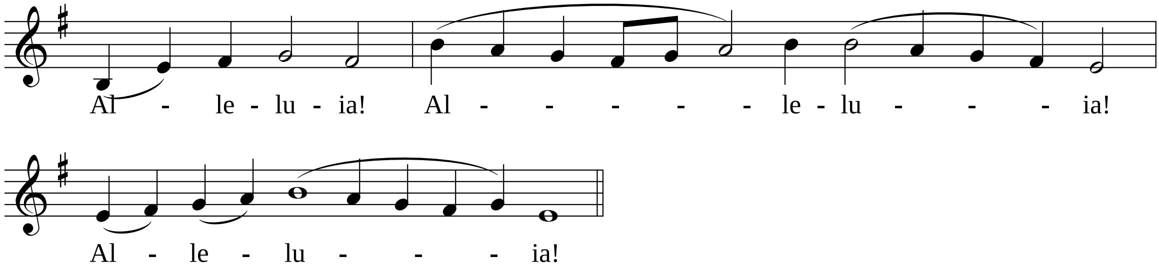
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia of the Cross - *Tone 1* (Psalm 73:2,12):



Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.
Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

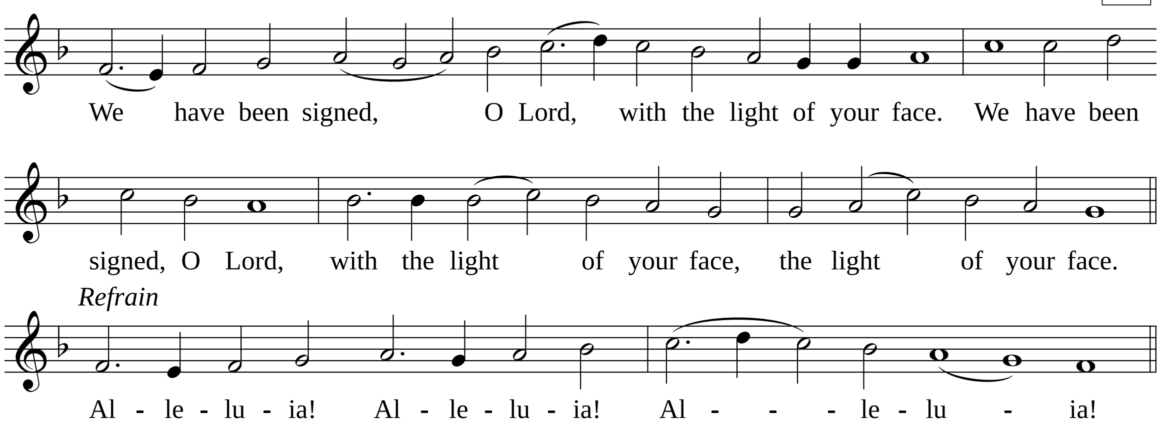
Alleluia of a Venerable - *Tone 6* (Psalm 111:1,2):



Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn for the Cross (Psalm 4:7):

C



Communion Hymn of a Venerable (Psalm 111:6,7):

C

